

DIANA: TESTAMENT IN HER OWN WORDS: PART 2

The book brought the one thing Diana had dreamed of - hope; she was liberated at last?

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Old Left preferred by party activists

Mandelson learns 'touch of humility'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR activists embarrassed Tony Blair yesterday by rejecting his close adviser and friend Peter Mandelson as a member of the party's ruling body.

The vote ended the Prime Minister's hopes of a trouble free party conference and overshadowed preparations for his address today. But Mr Blair, his advisers and Mr Mandelson himself swiftly countered suggestions that the defeat of one of the architects of new Labour was a vote against modernisation which will be the central

theme of today's speech. They cited the comfortable vote yesterday for the latest package of party reforms as evidence of support for Mr Blair's approach.

But there was no attempt to disguise the disappointment at the defeat of the Minister of Portfolio, who came eighth in a ballot for the seven MP places on the national executive. Even worse for the leadership was the fact that the place Mr Mandelson was seekin went to his leftwing critic Ken Livingstone.

Mr Mandelson — so long in the shadows as adviser first to Neil Kinnock and then to Mr Blair - had stood for election in an attempt to legitimitise the substantial power he wields through his closeness to Mr Blair. He hoped, and most of the leadership felt. that activists would reward him for his work as Labour's election campaign chief.

But he has always been a controversial figure; and it is clear that an uncomfortable August when he and John Prescott were said to be "minding the shop" in Mr Blair's absence on holiday did him no good at all.

Mr Mandelson put a brave face on his setback last night. pointing out that it was his first attempt and that even Mr Kinnock had taken three goes to get on. He said: "Even if I known the result in advance i would still have stood because I wanted to show I was moving from being a shadowy backroom fixer to an ordinary frontline

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Conference reports Peter Riddell Peter Stothard. Leading article,

politician taking the risk of being defeated.

'A touch of humility is good everyone, particularly a politician and particuarly me. have made enemies, possibly unnecessarily and I regret that. I have made mistakes and I will learn from them. But it was a solid and respectable vote."

Cabinet members said privately last night that Mr Mandelson's decision to stand had been a miscalculation. "He thought — we thought that he would get on. But Peter is the personification of the central control that the activists do not like and they would not have him. Had be known that he would have damaged Tony on the eve of his speech he would not have done it."

A source close to Mr Blair said: "Two years ago, if you had even suggested Peter would get near the national executive, you would have been laughed out of court." But the source added that Mr Mandelson was a talented and important figure who would continue to play an important part in the development of new Labour. He is still regarded as likely to earn a place in

the Cabinet. The Left. however, was



delighted by the result and a cheer went up in the confer-ence hall in Brighton when the votes were announced. Both Diane Abbott and Dennis Skinner, the two other leftwing MPs on the executive, increased their votes and Mr Skinner said the outcome was clear indication that the socialist wing of the party

would not be silenced. Ms Abbott was also gleeful, saying: "This is a tremendous blow to Peter Mandelson. A great operator, a great fixer, could not get himself operated and fixed on to the national executive. She said the result was "significant politically". proving that ordinary party members did not buy Mandelson's politics".

Mr Livingstone also insisted that there was a political message: "It is not personal. It is not that people don't like Mr Mandelson. I like him. He is very charming and witty company to be in. This was a tolitical choice. Party members have sent a warning that they are not just a rubber stamp and that they are there to have a view on things."

Mr Livingstone said that Mr Blair was "no fool" and would recognise the prod from the rank-and-file to say "you haven't got a blank cheque". But he also accepted that this would be something of a "coronation conference" for the Prime Minister after the election victory.

Certainly Mr Blair can expect a hero's reception today -but he is preparing to deliver a tough warning to his party after sensing that some people were becoming too complacent. "Some people seem to think that we've won and that's it; they've got a different think coming," an aide said. Mr Blair did not want to be "just another prime minister managing decline".

Mr Blair himself will tell the conference that a quiet revolution has been going on since May I led by the real modernisers: the British people", and say: We will never be the biggest; we may never be the mightiest, but we can be the best."



Mandelson: wanted to show he was moving from "backroom fixer to ordinary politician"

Insurance could replace state sickness benefits

By Our Political Editor

GREATER use of insurance to replace a range of the benefits is being considering by the Government as part of the reform of the welfare state to be heralded by Tony Blair

today. Senior ministers involved in welfare reviews being conducted across Whitehall say that the shake-up is to go back to "first principles" and question whether many of the benefits taken for granted should continue to be paid out of state coffers. Injury and sickness benefits could go.

Industrial injuries benefit, which will cost the Exchequer £660 million next year, is an candidate to be scrapped. Incapacity benefit is another that will come under the microscope. None of the benefits which Labour is pledged to keep will be

affected. However, ministers say that the greater use of insurance must be considered if the Government is serious about tackling the huge welfare bill. Mr Blair will not go into

detail but make plain that the welfare state reform through encouraging work not depen-dency is one of the two central projects of his Government, the other being education.

Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, will tomorrow signal the direction of reform by unveiling a package of measures to persuade the disabled to give up their benefits and return to work. People on long-erm sickness benefit will be invited to take advice on training to find ways back from benefit.

The reviews going on in Whitehall will be considered by the Cabinet by the turn of the year. Ministers are hopeful that any legislation required could come forward the

following autumn. Mr Blair will say today that the British people are creative and compassionate but "our compassion will be worthless unless we modernise our wel-

fare state."

New proof of CJD-BSE link

Compelling evidence that BSE can be transmitted to humans has been found by British scientists. The results confirm that 21 people who contracted a new form of the brain disease CJD almost certainly did so from eating infected beef.

Scientiists have been able to show that the new variant form of CJD is indistinguishable from BSE in its effects when it is injected into

Euro aid chief

in an Afghan hospital.

Police in Italy say that pieces of art works that were dam-Madding Crowd, Wuthering not reaching as big a share of it was going to be on again: "We aged in last week's rearthquake in Assisi are finding their way on to the black

Friends of **Princess** welcome new disclosures

By Nicholas Wood, Daniel McGrory AND JOANNA BALE

FRIENDS of Diana, Princess of Wales, last night welcomed the fact that the record had finally been put straight on how details were published about her marriage and life as a member of the Royal Family.

Associates of the late Princess expressed satisfaction and relief at the disclosure by the author Andrew Morton that his best-selling book, published five years ago shortly before her lailed marriage became public knowledge, was in fact an autobiography, largely dictated and corrected by the Princess herself.

But Buckingham Palace expressed sadness that a new version of the book, was being published so soon after the Princess's tragic death a month ago. Palace officials were dismayed to discover that the book was based on six lengthy interviews in 1992. The Times is publishing the foreword and an extract from a chapter written since the Princess's death.

In a brief statement yesterday the Palace said: "The book is nothing new, but the timing of its re-release is particularly sad, coming as it does so soon after the Princess's death. We to not intend to contribute to its publicity by making any further comment."

At the time of the book's publication, Palace officials went to extraordinary lengths to distance the Princess from Mr Morton's book, believed at the time to have been compiled from interviews with friends talking with the Princess's approval. But many of those friends yesterday said they were glad the truth had now

Muriel Stevens, who was a friend of the Princess and who was acknowledged as a source

The exclusive

mortgage for existing or

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in the original book, said last night: "I guess she was put under a lot of pressure by the Palace to deny, to keep the fairytale going, but now it is important that everyone should know the truth."

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Today The Times publishes the second half of Mr Morton's foreword to his revised version entitled Diana, Her True Story - In Her Own Words.

In it he discloses that the Princess of Wales personally altered the original manuscript to protect the Queen from embarrassment. She made the change to a section dealing with one of her apparent suicide attempts which was witnessed by the Queen.

Friends' reaction Palace prisoner......14 and 15

During the interviews she said that when she threw herself down the stairs at Sandringham, while pregnant with Prince William, the Oueen was the first on the scene." Mr Morton writes. "On the manuscript, Diana altered the text and inserted the Oucen Mother's name presumambly out of deference to the Sovereign.'

The Princess provided Mr Morton with "several letters and postcards from Mrs Parker-Bowles to Prince Charles to prove that she was not imagining their relationship. These billets-doux, passionate, loving and full of suppressed longing left my publisher and I in absolutely no doubt that Diana's suspicions were correct. However, for fear of libel, Mr Morton referred only to a "secret Continued on Page 4. col 7

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Ratings battle as BBC's 'fantasy football' team get transfer to ITV

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ITV has raided the BBC's ideas and talent cupboard in an attempt to arrest its ratings decline and convince advertisers that it has a future in the digital age.

Programme makers have persuaded Fantasy Football, the cult BBC show that gave rise to the Euro 96 anthem Three Lions, to defect to independent television with its star presenters David Baddiel and Frank Skinner. They will present to live shows during the World Cup next year.

Richard Wilson, who stars as Victor Meldrew in BBCI's One Foot in the Grave, has also been pnached for a new comedy series Duck Patrol. The Wombles, the BBC children's show of the 1970s, is also being revived with a Chinese addition to the

Womble clan. in a move regarded as a dumbing up of a network often associated with tacky quiz shows. David Liddiment. independent television's new director of programmes, said that he wanted more factual programmes and more quality drama to push up the rat-



Skinner, left. Baddiel and Wilson: poached by ITV for revamped schedules

ings and compete with flagship will have to be re-scenduled, told a gathering of advertisers BBC shows such as Casualty, some reinvented and other giv- in London that he understood He agreed that ITV had been en early retirement". Mr their frustrations over poor under-performing and had Liddiment. "I am not afraid to ratings. He asked them for 100 allowed the BBC to "steal a kill off programmes that are days to come up with a strategy march", particularly with factu- under-performing. "I that would satisfy them. "I march", particularly with factu- under-performing." al programmes such as Airport, Although independent tele-haven't joined ITV to manage

Driving School and Animal vision has a higher share of decline and neither has David audiences than any rival, it has [Liddiment]", he said. Next year ITV will have its seen its dominance eroded in Mr Baddiel and Mr Skinner own version of Airport - Air-recent years by a Channel 4, a said that they had accepted a line, a documentary following more competitive BBC and transfer to ITV because it was the crew on a British charter growing numbers of cable and willing to pump more money airline. It will also carry four satellite channels. Advertisers into the show. They said they adaptations of Tess of the who buy commercial airtime decided to revive it because so D'Urhervilles. Far From the have complained that they are many people kept asking when

Heights and the Hornblower viewers as before. thought Why are we being so Richard Eyre, starting on his poncy about it? Let's milk it "Some of our programmes first day as ITV's chief executive, until it's dead."

Taleban detains

Armed religious police of the Islamic Taleban held Emma Bonino, the European Conmissioner for Humanitarijn Aid. and 18 other people for more than three hours after pictures of women were talken

Signora Bonino said: "J was scared because they were fully armed and had Kalashnikovs pointed at

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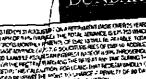
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Steely band disturbs the sleep of the wary

ABIDING in the mind after Brighton this week will be the memory of steel: steel railings everywhere, steel in the Prime Minister's smile, steel in Labour's grip, steel in the eyes of the evangelists of "new politics" as they pump your hand and scrutinise

your security pass. Long before you arrive the steel security fences start. To these the party has pinned two posters in equal numbers. One, red on a white background, declares "New Labour New Britain*. The other is white on a red background. It says "New Labour New Britain". On the approach to the promenade this message is repeated 81

At the seafront you turn to confront the security zone

COMPELLING evidence that

BSE can be transmitted to

humans has been found by

scientists. The results confirm

that 21 people who contracted

a new form of the brain

disease CJD almost certainly

did so from earing infected

By dispelling remaining un-

certainties about the link, the

findings seem certain to boost

calls made by victims' families

for a full judicial inquiry. Scientific groups from Edin-

burgh and London have been

able to show that the new

variant form of Creutzfeldt-

Jakob disease is indistinguish-

able from BSE in its effects

Not only did the mice devel-

op the disease in exactly the

same period of time after

injection, but extracts of infect-

ed brain were identical to

those found in BSE-infected

cattle. Other forms of CJD

developed at a different speed

and produced different mole-

John Collinge, the leader of

the team from St Mary's

RELATIVES of victims of the

new strain of Creutzfeldt-

Jakob Disease (CJD) linked to

BSE in cattle called yesterday

for financial compensation

and a public inquiry into how

people came to be exposed to

Dorothy Churchill, of

Devizes. Wiltshire, whose son

Stephen died in May 1995 at

the age of 19, said: "We have

been waiting for 18 months for

these test results. We hope this

will help our campaign to put

pressure on the Government

the fatal brain infection.

when injected into mice.

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itself. This is guarded against attack from the ocean by more steel. Upon it appears the message "New Labour New Britain", 215 times.

In the middle stands the conference centre. Its façade is decked, to the left, by a huge banner hanging vertically. It bears the message 'New Labour New Britain". To the right hangs another banner. It says the same. Between the vertical banners is a horizontal one: "Brighton & Hove welcome New Labour" - an audacious departure from the standard text which, it is to be hoped, will not confuse delegates. From the beach comes the lament of a trombone solo played by a

man complaining about sick pay. Few notice. To enter the hall you must

New evidence

underlines CJD

link with beef

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

new variant of CJD is the

human equivalent of BSE and

that eating beef is probably to

His findings, and those of a

team led by Moira Bruce of

the Neuropathogenesis Unit

Edinburgh, are published

this week's Nature. The

findings were released early

after a report of them ap-

peared in The Sunday Times.

from victims of the new vari-

ant and from six patients who

had died of the classical form

of the disease, and injected it

into different strains of labora-

tory mice. One strain, called

RIII, died 300-350 days after

Dr Bruce's results show that

the RIII mice injected with the

new variant - known as

nvCJD - have died at the

same time as if injected with

BSE. The appearance of their

brains was the same as mice

brains infected by BSE. "Our

data provide strong evidence

that the same agent is involved

in both BSE and nvCJD," the

Hospital, Paddington, says team concludes. When taken sion: new variant CJD is the

Relatives of 'new' victims

demand compensation

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

to set up a full, judicial inquiry

"We also want to see money

made available to help in the nursing of victims of CJD. The

Government was quick

enough to compensate farm-

ers for cows that got BSE. We

feel that they should make some sort of compensation

Stephen Churchill was the

first of 21 people to have been

confirmed so far as as victims

of the new strain of CJD, which they are presumed to

award to the families."

into the BSE crisis.

being injected.

Dr Bruce took brain tissue

capable conclusion" that the the evidence becomes "com-

pelling", they say.

A second strain of mice,

called C57BL, have also been

injected with the brain ex-

tracts. They are beginning to

show signs of disease, as

would be expected if BSE and

change assumptions about

nvCJD and BSE. The Govern-

ment was advised by the

Spongiform Encephalopathy

Advisory Committee in March

1996 that there was probably a

link and accepted the advice.

Some scientists remained

sceptical, but this latest evi-

dence is as convincing as it is

The advisory committee

said yesterday that the new

research was convincing but

did not call for any change in

policy. The necessary mea-

sures to protect the public and

in animal health were in place

Dr Collinge said yesterday:

We believe that the combined

weight of the evidence leads to

the same inescapable conclu-

have contracted by eating beef

Stephen's parents pressed their case at a meeting last night with a group of Mem-

bers of the European Parlia-

The Euro-MPs are on a three-

day visit to inspect British ab-

attoirs and rendering plants.

David Churchill, Stephen's father, said he hoped the Euro-

pean Parliament would put

pressure on the Government

infected with BSE.

likely to get

already, it said.

The two new studies do not

nvCJD were identical.

first enter a long tunnel. In this the visitor passes the message "New Labour New Britain" 42 more times. Frisked at a security check, visitors can read "New Labour New Britain" four times more on the walls above the X-ray machines. In the final section of tunnel the thought 'New Labour New Britain" appears seven times, and "Group 4 — Have you got your pass?" once.

I joined delegates crowding in to hear John Prescott and looked down at the conference floor. Virtually everysmall reserved area behind

me most seemed black or "Gosh," I thought, but without surprise, "they've put the coloured people in a separate pen, away from the cameras." In fact, this was the international visitors' section. Outside, beyond the steel. one could hear the wailing of dissident demonstrators borne on the wind, but very

Robin Cook showed delegates a video of Tony Blair on a walkabout, Tony Blair in a helicopter. in a coach, at a

hugging some children, all to the accompaniment of happy

John Prescott introduced a woman who showed slides to assist delegates' understanding. There were graphics of three stick-figure men, the third engulfed in light and bearing the logo "new", to illustrate Labour's new support. Near the end of her show came a slide saying: "1997: Labour's Best Election Ever: then another saying "Thank You", Wisely, the final slide did not say "Now

Later, Gordon Brown spoke with authority, and the pallor of the undead. Were one to glance down and notice that a junior minister

Go Away". Best not to spell it

should be, it would hardly seem worth mentioning.

I had woken in the night in my conference hotel, disturbed by the deep bark of a big dog somewhere outside in the dark where guards patrol: then by the sound of a crowdharrier being dragged across asphalt.

Then a scream, twice repeated. Then silence. A detainee, suspected of unmodern thoughts, under interrogation by Mr Mandelson's mind-police? Or just a seagull on the early tide? Strange thoughts crowd the brain at this surreal celebration, with something acrid in the air. Beneath the applause there is a grinding

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Westwood puts the best fronts forward at the Globe

By GRACE BRADBERRY STYLE EDITOR

part of London Fashion Week.

saucy peasant. In tabloid speak, Miss Messenger cavorted before photographers in a ruched miniskirt and knotted cropped shirt. Overall, the collection was a curious mixture of slinky, full-length glitter dresses, blue sailor outfits, and flouncy dresses harking back to the 1970s.

There was a near repeat of Naomi Campbell's famous catwalk fall when one model slipped on the outrageous cork platform sandals. The miniskirted suits were also in familiar Westwood territory. Also showing was Richard Tyler, the New York designer

skirts and batwing-sleeved jersey dresses.

The designer Alexander

THE glamour model Melinda Messenger made an appearance at the Globe theatre yesterday as Vivienne Westwood used volupruous women to model her Red Label collection, shown as

The show, staged in the undercroft of the theatre on the South Bank, also featured the television presenter Denise Van Outen and Sophie Anderton, the model best known for bra adverts. Although the theme was the well-bred English Girl Abroad", the styling was more

wood stars. His show at the Oxo Tower was one of the hot tickets of the week. Earlier, the British designer Paul Frith showed a sleek collection of grey tailored

who was a favourite of Holly-

McQueen yesterday served a writ on a student who has accusing him of stealing a design. The row involves an off the breast dress shown at McQueen's Paris show in January. Trevor Merrell, 35, has been given legal aid to sue McQueen after claiming it was a copy of a dress he made. McQueen lodged a counterclaim in the High Court after Mr Merrell refused to sign an apology agreeing to cease

NEWS IN BRIEF

Checks on children after asbestos scare

Health officials and police were trying to trace a company that illegally dumped more than 200 bin bags of blue asbestos around Birmingham. The red and black bags were dumped on streets, on wasteland and at the back of Gavin Tringham, head of Birmingham's environmental two industrial premises.

protection unit, said children had been seen tearing open the bags and throwing the asbestos over each other. Last night seven of the children had been traced and their clothes and homes were being decontaminated. A doctor will examine them to decide whether they should have long-

The bags were taken away for disposal and specialist companies worked through the day to make the dumping sites safe. Crown courts can impose unlimited fines for illegal dumping of asbestos.

Handguns warning

Gun owners face up to ten years in prison or a £5,000 fine if they do not surrender any handguns above .22 calibre by tonight. Alun Michael, the Home Office Minister responsible for criminal policy, said that during the three-month amnesty many gun owners had co-operated with the police. He understood their anger over the ban but they would receive compensation.

Fireman shot in the eye

A fireman may require surgery to save his sight after being A fireman may require surgery to save his signt after being shot in the eye at the scene of a fire in a disused pub in Middlesbrough. The officer, whose name was not released, was hit with an airgun pellet while drinking coffee provided by a neighbour. He was taken to Middlesbrough General Hospital with fragments of the pellet still in his eye. The fire was being treated as arson.

Man joins election race

A man has won a place in the previously all-female race to become President of Ireland. Derek Nally, 60, a private detective, secured the required backing of four county councils to contest the election on October 30. He will compete against the singer Dana, Mary McAleese, Adi Roche and Mary Banotti. Nominations for the £100,000-ayear post close at noon today.

Oldest man dies at 108

England's oldest man - who gave up smoking when he was 97 and lived through the reigns of four kings and two queens — has died at the age of 108. George Cook, an award-winning gardener, died in his sleep on Saturday at a retirement home in Dorking. Surrey. Mr Cook, who fought at Ypres and in the Battle of the Somme, had more than 40 great-grandchildren.

New top policeman

The new head of the National Criminal Intelligence Service will be John Abbott, the current deputy director. Mr Abbott, 48, has been deputy since October. He joined Sussex police in 1968 and has served in the Royal Hong Kong Police and as an assistant inspector of constabulary at the Home Office. Mr Abbott replaces Albert Pacey, who

Explorer dies in tunnel

suffocated as he and a friend explored an old tunnel Robert Ashcroft. 18, collapsed 30 metres inside the tunnel, believed to be a drainage culvert, beneath a slag heap at the former Hickleton Main colliery near Thurnscoe, south Yorkshire. His friend, 19, was taken to hospital. The mine

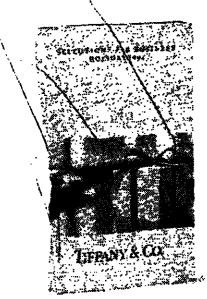
Hope for vice children

Police and social services in Manchester are setting up a "rescue squad" to save child prostitutes from life on the streets after some as young as 13 have been reported openly soliciting for sex. The scheme, similar to one in the Midlands, is designed to guide young people towards welfare agencies instead of the courts. Last year, figures showed there were 5,000 child prostitutes on the streets.

Potter shop on market

The shop immortalised by Beatrix Potter as the home of the Tailor of Gloucester is for sale. Thousands of tourists visit the shop, beside Gloucester Cathedral, which was sketched by Potter for the 1902 book. It is being sold by her publisher. Frederick Warne and Co, because retailing is not its core business. Gloucester council may bid for the

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Sophie Anderton wearing a Westwood design, part of to provide "no-fault compenfreehold, priced at £75,000. sation" for affected families. making the allegations. Marquess turns rebel over Hague reforms

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A CONSERVATIVE peer who lives in a 115-room stately home yesterday raised the standard of revolt against William Hague's abandomment of voting rights for hereditary peers.

The 8th Marquess of Hertford, the master of Ragley Hall in Warwickshire, insisted that the experience of the state of t

running a 6.000-acre estate offered a valuable contribution to democracy. Hereditary peers "have a lot of experience at many different jobs", he said. "If, together with a peerage, you have inherited a large country estate. you have to learn a lot about farming. forestry, maintenance of houses and conversion of farm buildings."

Lord Hertford, 67, who

educated at Eton, separated from his wife in 1995. Neither wanted to move from their 17th century estate, so he remained in ten of the rooms in the mansion while his wife moved half-amile up the drive to a house that was the gardener's cottage.

Lord Hertford, whose personal fortune is estimated at £14 million, anended about a third of the 74 sittings of the House of Lords last year. He admitted he would be at a loss if Labour carried out its manifesto commitment, which the Tory leader has decided not to oppose, to strip the sitting and voting rights of hereditary peers. "I don't know what I would do. Not a lot I suppose," he told Radio 4's The World at One.

The 300-year-old Ragley Hall, which

Lord Hertford saved from demolition, and its gardens, is visited by about 90,000 tourists each year. The estate should keep him busy. It includes an adventure playground, and dinner parties are held at the Great Hall.

Lord Hertford maintained that owners of stately homes had valuable skills. "Many of us have learnt a lot about the tourist trade. There is quite a variety of good jobs to be good at and, with all due modesty, I have been pretty successful at all of them."

Lord Hertford was planning to discuss the Hague reforms with Viscount Cranborne, the Tory leader in the House of Lords, and a scion of the Cecil dynasty. He hoped that Mr

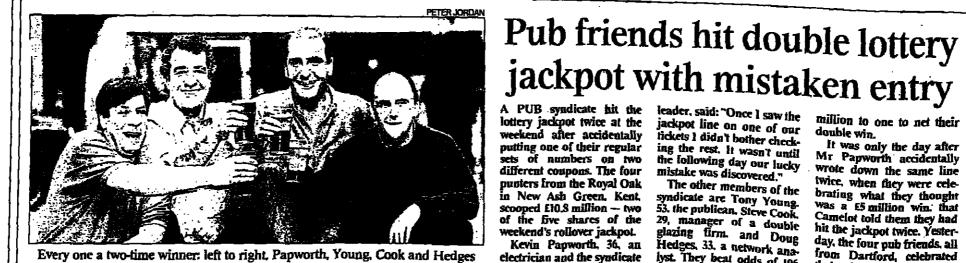
Hague would reconsider.
He said that the Prime Minister's

plans to replace the hereditary peers with dozens of life peers would not improve the quality of the debate in the Lords. It will make it less interesting and less useful."

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare.

a Tory life peer, accepted the need for reform of the House of Lords. He suggested that existing hereditary peers might be allowed to remain in the House, while their heirs should be excluded. Diehard Tory supporters of hereditary voting rights would have to accept that change was inevitable, he said. "There is a group of what I will call 'solid' Conservatives who will be distressed by it going in any reforming disastion but they will have to realize if direction but they will have to realise if we hope to return to power we can no longer imagine we can stay still."





jackpot with mistaken entry A PUB syndicate hit the leader, said: "Once I saw the jackpot line on one of our million to one to net their tickets I didn't bother checkdouble win. ing the rest. It wasn't until the following day our lucky

lottery jackpot twice at the weekend after accidentally putting one of their regular sets of numbers on two different coupons. The four punters from the Royal Oak in New Ash Green, Kent, scooped £10.8 million — two
of the five shares of the weekend's rollover jackpot. Kevin Papworth, 36, an

mistake was discovered," The other members of the syndicate are Tony Young. 53. the publican, Steve Cook, 29, manager of a double glazing firm. and Doug

Hedges, 33, a network ana-

lyst. They beat odds of 196

It was only the day after Mr Papworth accidentally Wrote down the same line twice, when they were celebrating what they thought was a E5 million win, that Camelot told them they had hit the jackpot twice. Yester-

day, the four pub friends, all

from Dartford, celebrated their win with lager.



Judge fi

Bullies torment Salvation Army girl to death

Russell Jenkins reports on the suspected suicide of a

teenager unable to bear the victimisation any longer

THE parents of a 13-year-old girl, found dead early yesterday after a suspected overdose, have blamed the tragedy on young bullies who targeted the family because they belonged to the Salvation Army.

Kelly Yeomans and her family were subjected to insults, taunts and abuse by a group of youngsters who were said to have hurled eggs. flour. stones and even a dead fish at their home in Allenton, Derby. The bombardment had

been stepped up over the Derbyshire Constabularly are investigating the circumstances surrounding the schoolgirl's death. They intend

to interview a number of youths who, it is alleged, were tormenting Kelly and her family". Kelly's body was discovered shortly before 8am yesterday by her mother, Julie Yeomans,

42, when she went to wake her up in time for school. She had swallowed an overdose of She is believed to have taken

around 40 of the tablets which were originally prescribed for her mother. Paradmedics arrived shortly afterwards but were unable to revive her. Mrs Yeomans and her hus-

band, Ivan, 45, spoke of their daughter's torment at the hands of the bullies. She said that Kelly was so upset by the onslaught that she had warned earlier that she could not take much more.

The youths began terrorising the family three years ago because, they believe, of their association with the Salvation Artny.

Kelly and her older sister Sarah, 16, played in a band and visited old people'shomes.

A group of youths gathered outside the house last Thursday and Friday. They shouted



Kelly: took overdose

when the police were called. Mrs Yeomans said that Kelly had been deeply upset by her experience last Friday when she was called a "smelly bastard". She said: "I went out, but they just told me, We've told you. Get back in. you smelly bastards'.

Kelly said to me on Friday I've had enough Mum. I'm going to take an overdose.' I really didn't think she would. I just thought she was depressed. It is terrible.

'She was a very happy girl, she would do anything for anyone. I just wish these people who have done this could tell me why they have taken my daughter away from

Mr Yeomans said that Kelly had confided in him last week that she felt threatened and frightened. He had tried to reassure her. "I told her not to be frightened we have got the law on our side, " he said.

"I have been around to the council no end of times to complain, but it is all form abuse and threw eggs but fled filling. All I wanted was for it

family and they just bullied us, now they have driven my daughter to her death." Neighbours spoke of how

youths on the problem council estate had thrown stones at the homes of elderly residents. Michael Shaw, principal of Merrill College, Derby, where Kelly went to school, said that to his knowledge there had been no incidents of bullying on school premises. He said: The first we became aware of this was after we were told of Kelly's death. Her parents never approached us about there being a problem at school and neither did Kelly."

Detective Inspector Mark Cheetham, leading the investigation, said: "We understand Kelly and her family were heing termented by local youths. We will be interviewing them later in relation to possible offences of harassment."

Major Pamela Nott, commanding officer of the South Derby Salvation Army, said: "This has come as a terrible shock to all our members. Those who knew Kelly spoke very warmly of her and it is a great shame that the local community has lost someone who cared so much."

Kelly's sister Sarah said Kelly had been the victim of persistent bullying at school and had often been teased because she was overweight. She said: "It got to the stage where she was frightened to go out of the house because she got called fatty. My Mum had a go at them, but it didn't do any good."

Sarah said that her sister had threatened to take an overdose if the tormenting did not stop, "She said she had had enough of it and that she was going to take an overdose. We tried to hide the pills from



Vanessa Hardwick: claimed sexual discrimination over FA coaching exam setback

Leaky defence 'led to woman coach's failure'

By Peter Foster

A FOOTBALL coach who assessors had marked her claims that she was denied a top qualification because she was a woman had been "incompetent" and had made "fundamental errors", an industrial tribunal heard

Vanessa Hardwick, 32, is claiming sexual discrimination against the Football Association after she failed to get her advanced coaching licence last year. Last week Ms Hardwick, a PE teacher from Ickenham, northwest London, told the tribunal that her failure on the maledominated course had left her feeling humiliated.

John McDermott, the FA's regional director in the South East, said yesterday that Ms Hardwick had failed because she was "not up to the standard". He explained how one of Ms Hardwick's errors had left an attacker with a free run on goal: "She gave the wrong information to the defender." The FA's highest coaching award, held by an estimated 80 per cent of Premier League managers, would have no credibility if it were awarded to someone who made such elementary

Last week Ms Hardwick complained that she had been placed at a disadvan-tage because her all-male on her ability to coach the men's game rather than women's. Mr McDermott said: "If Ms Hardwick coached a women's premier league side like that they would leak goals like a

Later in the hearing Ted Copeland, current coach of the England women's foot-ball team, said that coaching women was not substantially different from working with men's teams. Asked if there were any differences Mr Copeland said women tended to be more emotional. "At any one time 25 per cent of my players have menstrual problems." He was asked if he had any experience of women at a lower level. "Do you mean as a footballer?" he replied, sending the tribunal chairman Michael Rabin into fits of laughter. "That is not a good joke to make in a sexual discrimination case," countered Jane

Deighton, for Ms Hardwick. Kelly Simmons, the FA's national co-ordinator for women's football, said that the FA had a carefully devised strategy for encouraging women's football. "If a oman were at the required level the FA would encour-

age her to sit for the advanced licence," she added.

Woman boxer punches hard for equality

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FEMALE boxing champion is seeking to strike a blow in the courts for women's right to fight. In what is thought to be the first case of its kind. Jane Couch. 29, the women's world welterweight champion, wants to count out the British Boxing Board of Control's opposition to women fighting professionally.

The Lancashire boxer, billed as the Fleetwood Assassin, is making ber attempt for equality at a London

industrial tribunal, alleging restriction of trade and sexual discrimination. She wants the board to rescind its decision to deny her application for a professional licence. The board opposes female fighters on medical grounds.

Last week Vanessa Hardwick lodged a claim, with the backing of the Equal Opportunities Commission, against the Football Association over its refusal to grant her the FA advanced coaching

Ms Couch is confident of her contest prospects, "Britain is stuck in the Dark Ages. It is the only country in the world where I cannot fight professionally on the same bill as men," she said. Papers were lodged initially for an industrial tribunal in Bristol but the hearing will now be in Croydon, South London. The date has yet to be fixed.

Ms Couch trains at Tex Woodward's gym at Compton Greenfield, near Bristol. He supports her courtroom fight: "If a person wants to box they should be allowed to box, whether male or female. A male barrister trains at our gym and he believes Jane should win, as European law says that women should have equal rights."



Judge frees 'Magnificent Seven' who stole back docked wages

B) MICHAEL HORSNELL

A GROUP of "impoverished" drivers who stole £36,000 from the bus company they worked for escaped with community service orders from a sympathetic judge when he heard that they decided to steal back their wages after being docked as much as £100 a week. Judge Michael Evans, QC, was

told their take home pay was as low as £33 a week. Workmates who knew about the scam at Shamrock

Coaches in south Wales dubbed the men the "Magnificent Seven" for stealing from the fares they collected by sneaking two computerised tills on to their buses while only

handing over the cash from one. But the company hit back last night, challenging their plea of mitigation after the men had pleaded guilty and criticising the conduct of prosecuting counsel. Granville Owen, operations supervisor, said after the case that Sharnrock would start civil promoney from the men whom they have already sacked.

He criticised the conduct of the case by the Crown Prosecution Service which he demanded should launch an appeal against sentence. The company vehemently denied underpaying the defendants and the allegation made in court that wage records had been destroyed by the company.

The case will be reviewed by the CPS after a protest letter was sent

yesterday by Alison Jones, the owner of the company which operates buses throughout south

Wales. Peter Murphy, defending the men at Cardiff Crown Court last Friday, told the judge: "They are all hard working, honest men with a genuine grievance. The company was acting very badly and grossly underpaid their employees. They regularly deducted large sums of money without conscience from the pay packets of their employees each

week. The drivers sometimes took home as little as £33 for a full week after deductions. That was not enough money to feed a family. They were owed the money in

unpaid wages so they took it.' Drivers Ken Evans, Ceri Williams, Lynn Davies, Jason Davies, Anthony Lindsay, Mike Williams and Jell Holt all admitted theft totalling £36,756 at an earlier hearing at Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court.It was said that Mr Evans, 41, worked through his holidays for

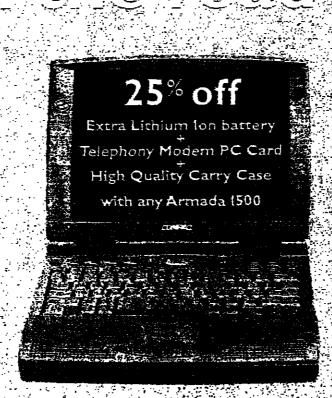
extra cash to buy Christmas presents for his children but his bosses docked all of the extra money he earned.

Hugh Wallace, prosecuting, said the fraud operated by the men aged between 30 and 46 - was eventually spotted by managers at the company's head office in Abercynon, Glamorgan. The judge ordered all but one of the men, who come from Aberdare, Mountain Ash and Pontypridd, to do 120 hours of community service, while a year's probation.

Judge Evans said: "This is an exceptional case. You each have a sense of grievance against your former employees over unpaid

There are many grounds to support your grievance, I don't believe it would be fair or just to make you pay compensation or

An angry Mr Owen said after the case: "This is a travesty of justice."





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Andrew Morton in his study. A million copies of the new book have been printed

THE TIMES TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30 1997 Friends say the truth has to be told

Joanna Bale and Daniel McGrory find

mixed reactions to Andrew Morton's book THE extent of the co-operation by Diana, Princess of Wales, could only have come from but sometimes these things have to be done quickly to set in the production of Andrew Morton's book came as a surprise to many of her friends who were asked by her to co-operate with the author. Some had been pilloried in 1992 for "gossiping" about the Princess's private life and the

book was dismissed as "impertinent". Muriel Stevens, who knew the Princess and was one of those acknowledged as a source in the biography, said it was important that people should know the truth Mrs Stevens, said yester-

day: "I was quite stunned when she denied that she had cooperated. When Andrew Morton contacted me while writing the book I said I would like to clear it with the Princess before I spoke to him. I rang Buckingham Palace and was put through to the Prin-cess of Wales's office. The answer I got was, 'Yes, this is an official book, the Princess is more than happy for you to talk to Mr Morton to confirm what she has told him'.

"I guessed she had spoken

her." Mrs Stevens, who is chief executive of the British Allergy Foundation, kept in touch with the Princess after meeting her when she did voluntary work as a schoolgirl with patients with learning difficulties at the Darenth Park Hospital in Kent, which is now closed. Delissa Need-

Diana, the never ending story

ham, an old schoolfriend of the Princess who was also a source for the book, said: "I can understand the criticism that it may be too soon after her death, but when is too soon and when is too late? Andrew Morton has just told the truth and people want to know the truth about Diana." Michael Nash, a lecturer in law at Norwich City College who wrote the last chapter of the original book about the

constitutional implications of

а royal divorce, said: "It's only

a month since she died and

everything is still very painful,

the record straight.

*Buckingham Palace likes to keep anything like this in a low profile, but we are in an era when things are much more open - an era that the Palace has not yet adjusted to. I worked very closely with Andrew and I knew his sources were unimpeachable. but I never realised that the Princess was actually correcting proofs."

Other former friends of the Princess who were sources for the book declined to comment yesterday. James Gilbey. whose intimate conversation with the Princess was featured in the "Squidgy" tapes, said: "We have always maintained our silence over this matter. It was a matter of confidence then and it remains so now."

Lord St John of Fawsley said he had not known that the Princess was so closely involved with the production of the book, but commented: "It was clear from careful reading that the Princess had played some part in it. Clearly this was much greater than we ever imagined." A spokes-



Muriel Stevens checked with Princess's office

woman for Earl Spencer, the Princess's brother, said he did not wish to comment. Mr Morton's disclosure was condemned last night by former MP James Hill, who was chairman of the Constitutional Affairs Committee at the time of the Princess's divorce. This will only cause more needless pain to the young princes and others so an author can make money.

"I have recommended to Her Majesty before and will do so again now that the Royal Family should use the courts of law to protect themselves from what is sure to be an avalanche of Diana books all making outrageous claims that she clearly cannot deny."

Lord Blake said: "I don't think this will add anything and it is too soon after her death for such disclosures."

The revised book was deas "despicable, shameful and cynical" by Tory MP Teresa Gorman. Mrs Gorman, MP for Billericay, said: "The Princess was hunted in life and now she is haunted in death. This is a cynical and shameful attempt to exploit her memory from beyond the grave and to regenerate sales. It is as bad as anything the cameramen ever

did to chase her. "To do this at this time seems to me exactly what we were promised not do, which is to exploit people's confidences and private matters. Mrs Gorman said underlined the necessity for some kind of prilegislation. This is no better than those people

were prepared to make money out of her life when she was alive. Now if this is to start happening when she is the other side of the grave, it is even more

Sir Teddy Taylor, Tory MP for Southend East and Rochford, said: "I think it is cold and unfeeling for Mr Morton to make these controversial disclosures after the tragic death of the Princess. Everyone knew she was going through a great deal of torment, and in my view it seems that the whole business is simply another ploy to boost

sales for the book "I think that Mr Morton should have said nothing at what he has done is not the action of a perfect English gentleman.

Peter Luff, Conservative MP for Mid-Worcestershire, commented: "This has left a pretty nasty taste in my mouth. Presumably, if the Princess had wanted her autobiography to be written and had used Mr Morton as a ghost writer she would have done it that way. I find it rather surprising that he should have chosen this moment to make these revelations."

Ann Winterton, Conservative MP for Congleton, said: "I very much regret that Andrew Morton has made known the fact of the Princess's involvement in his book. Following the sad death of the Princess it seems to me to lack integrity and honour to give information which, if she had wanted it to be known, would have herself made it known during her lifetime."

Mr Morton wrote in yesterday's Times that his revised edition was to allow historians and the public a greater understanding of the troubled Princess. He would not name the intermediary who presented his written questions and collected the Princess's candid. responses. According to Mr-

Morton, the Princess authorised every revelation and 6 I never personally approved every page realised the **Princess** book. He said she read the manuscript, made detailed changes to it actually in her own hand correcting and supplied photographs from proofs 9 family albums. She even supplied names and details for captions to the family photographs and chose

the famous cover picture, the author claimed. The publishers, Michael O'Mara, said both themselves and Mr Morton would be making a "substantial" donation to landmine victims from the proceeds of the new book which goes on sale next week.

A spokeswoman said details had not yet been finalised and an announcement was set to be made before the book's publication in Britain next Monday.

She said a million copies of the book had already been printed worldwide to cope

with the huge demand across Europe and in English-speakall. And I hope that on reflection he will realise that Princess denial

Continued from page 1 friendship". The Princess kept the true extent of her involvement in this book from most of her closest confidants, including the writer Clive James.

She once told him over lunch: "I really had nothing to do with that Andrew Morton book ... but after my friends talked to him, I had to stand by them." Such revelations along with

proof of the Princess's intimate involvement with the author Andrew Morton will disturb many in the Royal Family who were given assurances by the Princess at the time that she had played no part in the book's preparation.

At one stage Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's Private Secretary and the husband of her sister Lady Jane Spencer, had visited the Princess at home in Kensington Palace to seek a written assurance that she was not involved.

The Palace knew it had to mount a defence and the most effective was to be able to say that the Princess knew nothing about this and the book was all hearsay and gossip," a former senior palace aide said

"She gave a categoric denial

to him verbally. She later repeated this in front of the the Royal Family. It is fair to say that some members did harbour suspicions that Diana may have allowed her friends to co-operate, but I do not believe anyone thought she was so closely involved, manuscript."

CORRECTIONS

Our report (September 19) of the FA charges against Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers claimed that they had admitted in court taking money for forecasting matches in which they had played. We are glad to make it clear, and we accept, that neither did so. Grobbelaar accepted that he forecast English matches; Segers that he forecast Dutch matches, and occasionally supplied information about

English matches. ☐ Mrs Vera May, breeder of British bulldogs, does not support Ken Mollett in his efforts to cross the breed. contrary to a report of Septem-

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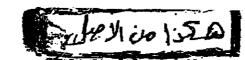
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plicably. Tina and her siblings

are blaming Mrs Sinatra for

the tie's failure.

per silver toupee.



Nancy goes and spoils it all for Old Blue Eyes

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

AN UNSEEMLY "inheritance war" has erupted within the family of Frank Sinatra, pitting the 81-year-old singer's three children - Tina, Frank Jr. and Nancy - against his fourth wife, Barbara.

Just when Sinatra, who suffers from chronic heart trouble, should be enjoying his last years in peace, so the rivals for for his vast fortune appear to be girding themives to do battle over his \$200 million (£124 million)

According to The Wall Street Journal, skirmishes have been raging all year between Tina, Sinatra's youndaughter, and Mrs Sinatra, over the merchandising of the entertainer's name on ties, pasta sauce, Californian sparkling wine "singing" porcelain souvenir plates (embedded with a computer chip that carries Sinatra's voice), and other products of questionable taste.

Tina Sinatra, 49, is the chief executive of Sheffield Enterprises Inc. formed some years ago by Sinatra to license his name and likeness. She styles herself as the "keeper of the Sinatra flame" and has, on more than one occasion, said: "I am Frank Sinatra".

Tina and her siblings -Nancy, 57, who recorded Something Stupid with her father, and Frank Jr, who was his father's conductor from the late 1980s until his most recent performance, in December 1994 - also own Reprise Records, which controls the rights to all Sinatra's recordings made between 1960 and 1988. These include such favourites as Fly Me to the Moon and Strangers in the

Night.
Facing them is Mrs
Sinatra, 70, who, if his embittered children are to be believed, holds Sinatra "hostage". She dismisses these accusations as "sheer nonsense". Indeed, there appears to be no prima facie evidence, that Mr and Mrs Sinatra are



Frank Jr was his father's conductor until 1994

a previous marriage. Robert Marx, has no official role in either Sheffield Enterprises or Reprise Records. Yet she is making a fortune from a contract her husband signed in 1993 with Capitol Records. The agreement gives her royalties of 20 per cent on sales regarded here as an exceptionally high figure, and her bank account has prospered from the success of the singer's recent double album Duets. These have sold about 3.7 million copies in America alone.

Mrs Sinatra has also begun to manage reissues of early Sinatra music, particularly from the 1940s, when he ruled the airwaves with the Tommy Dorsey Band. Although the singer's children do not have sole rights over any pre-1960 songs, they feel they have a moral claim.

Tensions boiled over earlier this year when the children threatened to sue Mrs Sinatra (and, by extension, their own father) over a record released to commemmorate his 80th birthday. Called Live in Concert, and produced by Capitol records, the album consisted of performances recorded since 1987, including such Sinatra staples as My Way, New York, New York and My Heart Stood Still - songs to

end, ensue, but the threat left a a formidable ally her son from bitter taste which is unlikely to



Tina and Nancy Sinatra claim that they and their brother should inherit the singer's \$200m fortune

Two face jail for crowbar attack on babysitter

AN EVENING'S babysitting ended in terror for a 20-yearold woman after two attackers tricked their way into her

Patricia Harrison-Foody, a beautician, was caring for a friend's daughter when she heard a knock at the front door. She opened it to find a shoeless woman pleading for help. Suddenly, the woman e forced her way in, closely followed by a man who had heen in the shadows.

Her friend's five-year-old daughter screamed in terror as Miss Harrison-Foody fought the two crowbar-wielding attackers. Southwark Crown Court was told.

She was held face down by one as the other struck her repeatedly and slashed her with broken glass. After stealing her clothes, jewellery and other possessions, they said that she would be shot if she went to the police.

She ignored the threat only to be subjected to a campaign of fear by the pair, the court was told. In the dock were Tracy Martin. 21, a mother of one, and Omar Khodja, 23. who variously admitted causing actual bodily harm, theft and three counts of intimidation. A not guilty plea to

robbery was accepted. The noise of the attack woke the girl, who climbed out of bed to find out what was going on. She saw the sobbing babysitter hit over the head with a glass vase and then slashed across the arms with one of the shards.

James Dennison, for the prosecution, said that Martin bit Miss Harrison-Foody on the arm and told her she now had Aids. Then, as Martin ransacked the bedroom. Khodja held his victim face down on the sofa "tapping the crowbar against her head". Miss Harrison-Foody later told police: "I really thought that I was going to be killed."

Despite the shooting threat, she rushed to the nearest callbox and dialled 999. Martin and Khodja were arrested at the home they shared in Thamesmead, southeast London, a few days later.

That night the babysitter received the first of three night-time telephone calls one from Khodja, two from Martin - warning her not to go on with the case. Mr Dennison said Miss Harrison-Foody's ordeal left her unable to go to work at Harrods for two months, and she wanted to leave her home.

Mr Recorder Anthony Hilton, QC, remanded Martin and Khodja in custody until October 10 for pre-sentence reports. He said that a jail term was inevitable.



Sinatra and his fourth wife Barbara at a gala celebrating his 80th birthday. He suffers from chronic heart trouble

Mother's plea ends nurse's jail fast

LUCILLE McLAUCHLAN the nurse who was sentenced to 500 lashes and eight years in jail in Saudi Arabia, agreed to call off her hunger strike only after a despairing plea from her mother.

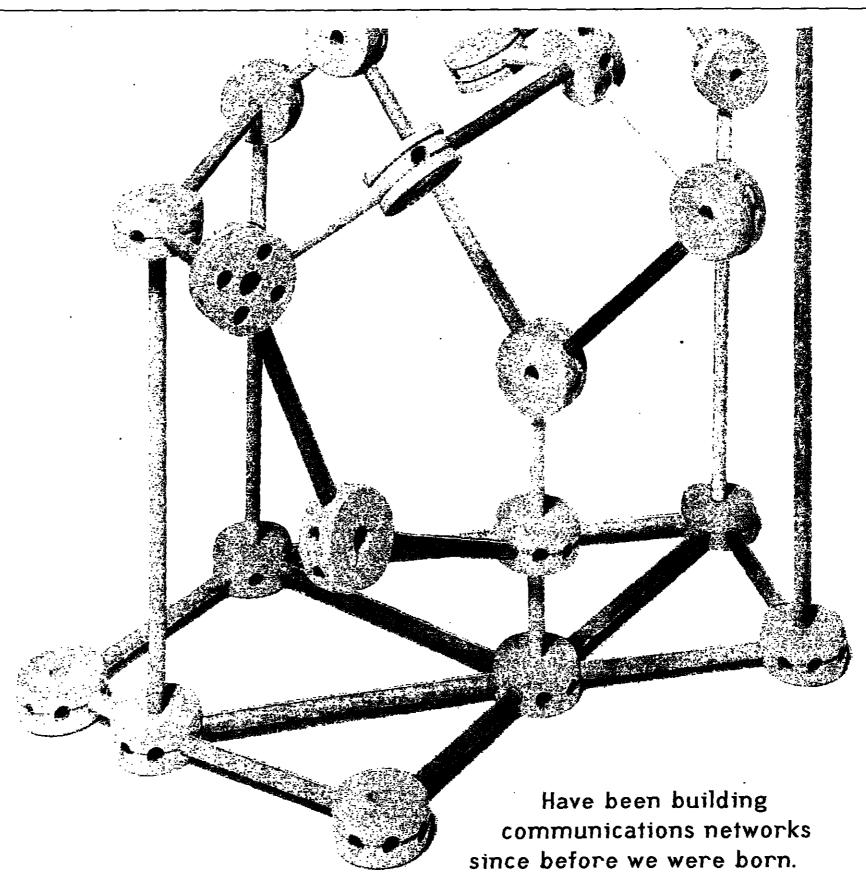
Ann McLauchlan sent her daughter a handwritten mess age, begging her not to endanger her life.

McLauchlan and Deborah Parry, 38, who faces the death penalty over the murder of Yvonne Gilford, a colleague last October, are said to be

"deeply depressed".

McLauchlan sent a message to her parents and her fiance in Dundee telling them not to wait as she feared she would never leave Saudi Arabia. The 31-year-old nurse had refused all food within hours of being sentenced last week when she was not allowed to telephone

McLauchlan had told the prison authorities she would starve until she was allowed to call her parents. Although she is entitled under Saudi rules to a call once she has been sentenced, she still has not been allowed to make her call.



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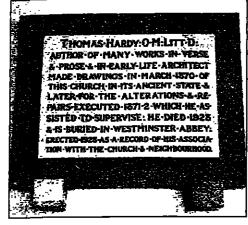


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Thieves rip altar from Hardy church



Emma Gifford, later Hardy's wife, met him at St Juliot's. A plaque records his visit



The parish where the novelist fell in love is the latest victim of a

gang roaming the West Country, reports Simon de Bruxelles

A CORNISH church immortalised by Thomas Hardy has had its altar stolen. St Juliot's near Boscastle is the latest in a series of remote West Country churches to be targeted by thieves feeding a market for artefacts and furniture with a religious connection.

Besides the altar table and cloth, the thieves stole two wooden bishop's chairs, a 20in crucifix, two brass vases and two brass candlesticks, worth a total of £2,000. Like most churches in Cornwall, it had been left unlocked.

A Victorian safe that had been unused for decades was prised from the vestry wall with a pickaxe and abandoned when the thieves realised the church plate was stored elsewhere.

Hardy was sent to St Juliot's as a young draughtsman in 1870 to draw up plans for the restoration of the 15thcentury church. He fell in love with the rector's sister-inlaw. Emma Gifford, and they married four years later.

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Olive Blackburn, a leading member of the Thomas Hardy Society, who recently visited Boscastle with 40 other enthusiasts. said: "I'm sure Hardy would have found it sickening." Hardy, who was born in 1840, arrived at St Juliot's at a critical period in

Blackburn said: "He felt like giving it all up because he wasn't getting anywhere. Then he met Emma Gifford. They had a lot in common. They were both artistic, particularly with their love for music. It was she that persuaded him to continue with

his writing."
Miss Gifford's parents were against the match because Hardy was making little money. But she stuck by him and in 1874, the year that Fai from the Madding Crowd was published, they married

His period in Cornwall was described in his most autobiographical novel, A Pair of Blue Eyes, in which he wrote of the church: "The lonely edifice was black and bare, cutting up into the sky from the profile of the hill . . . of one substance with the ridge, rather than a structure raised thereon." He also recreated St Juliot's and its magical setting nearly 40 years later in his most poignant group of poems, the Veretis vestigiae flammae (Vestiges of an Old

Flame). More than 20 Cornish churches have been raided over the past few months. Police believe the same culprits were responsible for many of the attacks. A spokeshis career as an author. Mrs man for Devon and Cornwall

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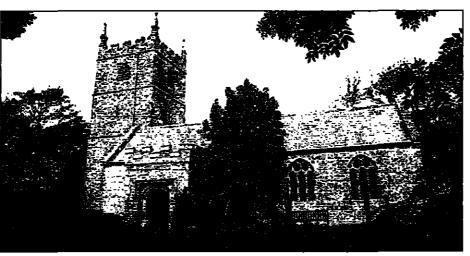
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Philip Taylor, churchwarden at St Juliot's, inspecting damage by the thieves: "When I saw the destruction, I could almost have cried"



Artefacts worth £2,000 were taken from the unlocked 15th-century Cornish church

Constabulary said: These crimes are clearly connected, but the culprit is chancing his luck with whatever he finds. Sometimes it's just been food, in which case a lot of damage was done. At other times, as with St Juliot's, he took away a lot more."

Philip Taylor, St Juliot's churchwarden, said he was devastated when he discovered the break-in on Friday afternoon. "I'm extremely fond of the church. When I came into the church and saw the destruction and damage that had been caused, I could almost have cried. It's the

MEN are the dominant sex as

far as evolution is concerned,

new research in Sweden has

The random mutations be-

hind evolution are more likely

to occur to sperm than to eggs.

because producing sperm in-

volves many more cell divi-

sions, each of which can

introduce a mutation. It is

those changes — mostly damaging, but occasionally beneficial — which act in

conjunction with changes in

the environment to allow spe-

By the age of 30, the sperm

cells from a man have under-

gone 400 rounds of cell divi-

sion, while egg cells require

only 24 divisions, regardless of

confirmed.

worst thing to have happened to the church in 600 years." Jeremy Dowling, spokes-

man for Truro Diocese, said: "In this county, we do not want to lock our churches. They are meant to be open for those people who need a moment of prayer or quiet contemplation. But the guidelines are quite strict. St Juliot's is insured, but we recommend that all valuables are removed when there is no service."

Other recent targets include Sidwel's. Launceston. which was broken into last week by thieves who caused several hundred pounds of

the age of the mother. As at

each division the DNA in the

genes has to be faithfully

copied, there is clearly a much

greater chance of errors in

sperm than in eggs.

By analysing the mutation

rate in birds, two scientists at

the Swedish University of

Agricultural Sciences in Upp-

sala have shown that males

really are the source of more

There is a price to pay, Dr

James Crow of the University of Wisconsin in Madison

writes in Nature Genetics.

Older fathers are more likely

to have children with inherit-

ed diseases, which derive from accumulated errors in their

mutations.

fathers' sperm.

damage and stole several items. At St Ladoca, Ladock, El00 damage was caused when the collection box was forced open. Thieves caused £1,500 damage at St Gulval's. . most of them, £5 million a Penzance, on Thursday when they smashed through the main stained-glass window. vet found nothing more to steal than a packet of biscuits. The Rev Alan Toy said: When the church is damaged or violated in this way, people

home that was burgled." Leading article, page 19

feel a personal violation, just

as though it was their own

Men 'dictate pace of Broken homes encourage

WOMEN from divorced fam-

ilies are nearly twice as likely

to become teenage mothers as

those who grew up with both

parents, according to research

published yesterday. Men

whose parents divorce are also

more likely to have fathered a

The study, by Kathleen Kiernan of the Centre for the

Analysis of Social Exclusion at

the London School of Econom-

ics, shows that while parental

divorce appears to have last-ing and profound effects on

people's emotional develop-

ment and their ability to form

lasting relationships, it has

less of an impact on their

child by the age of 22.

Vandalism and theft cost insurer £5 million a year

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE latest figures on church theft reveal that the days when churches were considered sacrosanct, even by

criminals, are long gone. Thefts and other attacks on churches have risen by more than 50 per cent in the past eight years, and are still increasing. Arson, theft and vandalism on Church of England buildings alone costs the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, which covers

On average there are 17 attacks a day on churches. Arson accounts for nearly half the insurance costs, although vandalism and theft represent 99 per cent of the attacks.

Brian King, of Ecclesiastieal Insurance Group, said that the true cost was far higher than the cost to insurers. "Most church valuables

girls into early pregnancy

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

achievements. The research

found that 25 per cent of

women with divorced parents

had become teenage mothers,

compared with 14 per cent of

those whose parents stayed

together. Twenty three per

cent of men from the same

background had fathered a

child by the age of 22, com-pared with 13 per cent of those from stable family

Four out of ten men and

women whose parents split up

when they were children had

seen their first marriage or

cohabitation break down by

the time they were 33, com-

pared with three out of ten

backgrounds.

are insured for their replace-

ment and not their antique value," he said. "If a silver Jacobean chaiice is stolen, we replace it only with a modern chalice. The loss to our heritage is the real hidden cost of this. Most churches would not be able to afford the cost of insuring

something for its antique Churches are now introducing schemes along the lines of neighbourhood watch with the co-operation of the local police. Churches in the Liverpool, Coventry and Bath and Wells dioceses are protected by church watch schemes. Closed-circuit television and infra-red burglary protection have been installed in some churches and, increasingly, valuable goods are locked

away and replicas put on

stayed together. As many as 48

ner cent of women and 19 per

cent of men from disrupted

families had begun their first

live-in partnership during

their teens compared with 29

per cent of women and 10 per

cent of men brought up by

starting a live-in relationship

as a teenager or becoming a

parent before the age of 21

may well be directly linked to

parental separation during childhood ... children of these

unions carry a legacy of

doubt and vulnerability about

forming and maintaining

long-term relationships." Dr

"The greater likelihood of

both parents.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Only half of new tax forms returned

Only about half of the eight million people who have to fill in tax returns will have met today's 5pm deadline for returning the new self-assessment forms. By last Friday evening, 3.9 million had returned the forms, which were despatched in the spring. An Inland Revenue spokeswornan said: "We have had the response so far that we expected.

If taxpayers mark the enve-lope "delivered by hand" and push it through a tax office letterbox overnight, the return will be treated as having arrived on time. Those who miss the deadline have until January 31 to return the forms before an automatic £100 penalty is imposed, followed by another £100 fine six months later for non-return.

Schoolgirl dies

A schoolgirl died after she hit her head in a 20 ft-fall from a conker tree. Jenna Ellis, 11, had climbed the horse chestnut tree with friends near her home in Liverpool. Last week Marc Abbott, 8, died after falling from a conker tree near his home in Wigan. An inquest into Jenna's death is to be opened today.

Bank reprieve

Residents have won a reprieve for the only bank left in Britain's smallest town. Barclays agreed to put off closure of its branch at Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys, after 30 protesters, including the mayor, staged a demonstration in Cardiff over the costcutting move. The town has fewer than 700 residents.

Fresh start

Captain Valentine Strasser, 32, military dictator of Sierra Leone for four years after a coup in 1992, started his first day of studies at Warwick University. Officials said that protests at his human rights record had died down and that students and lecturers had accepted his presence. Captain Strasser is studying law.

Missing bricks

Security on the Marquess of Tavistock's Woburn estate to be increased after thieves demolished an isolated farmwhich comprised the front wall of the deserted 1850 cottage are estimated to be worth £50,000 and may have been stolen to order. Copper piping was also removed.

Aspirin a day

More than 3,000 strokes and heart attacks a year could be prevented or postponed if those at risk took an aspirin a day, according to a survey marking the start of Stroke Week. The survey, by the Stroke Association, found that 15 per cent of stroke patients who knew they had high blood pressure were not taking drugs.

£190,000 in bag

An auction of more than 350 unwanted items from Fasque, the ancestral home in northeast Scotland of William Gladstone, raised E190,000. A pair of 19th-century leather arm-chairs fetched £6,000. The proceeds will be used to renovate the house, now owned by the Liberal statesman's greatgreat-grandson.

Tram injuries

Two people were taken to hospital yesterday after a tram and a bus collided in Manchester city centre. The tram driver and a man of 76 suffered neck injuries in the crash on Balloon Street."We don't know yet what happened or who was responsible," said a spokesman for the Metrolink tram service.

Stour unlocked

John Constable, a descendant of the painter, unveiled a plaque at the opening of a new lock on the Stour. The lock, at Great Cornard, Suffolk, was funded partly by the Millennium Commission, It will enable boats to go upstream through the heart of countryside made famous in the

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economic and educational people whose parents had Kiernan said. Death and bubbly on the road to victory

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

human evolution'

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

no picnic for Derek Cooper. The British officer known as the Irish Pimpernel singlehandedly liberated a Belgian town, gathered crucial intelligence on key battles and survived ambushes and accidents. Actually, some of it was a picnic. He also drank more bottles of champagne than he could remember.

Cooper's extraordinary war is revealed in a diary written while he and his regiment, the 2nd Household Cavalry, advanced across Europe after the D-Day landings in 1944.

Captain Cooper, who served first as a liaison officer. then as second-in-command of a sabre squadron, played a from the servants. courageous and crucial reconnaissance role. He was one of relieve the British Ist Air-

THE Second World War was about five officers whose job was to keep in contact with neighbouring formations and to report information back to the regiment. While driving swiftly from one unit to another, he braved ambushes and firefights, once falling in his scout car through a bridge into a river. He was also forced to endure the French citizenry swamping him with kisses and champagne.

In his diary, now published as a book. Dangerous Liaison (Michael Russell), he describes a party in a chateau at

the end of the Ardennes battle when 50 bottles of champagne and nine of brandy were "disposed of" by 11 officers and II girls - with some help

While desperately trying to

Cooper: played crucial

reconnaissance role

borne Division at Arnhem, Captain Cooper notes: "Rather good lunch of pork chops and onions taken from the huge supply dump we captured at Oss."

The diaries also contain many references to the darker side of war. On September II landing but Germans have he wrote. There was one corpse in the middle of the road whose clothes had been blown off and everything had been run over a hundred times. I don't feel I can ever get used to these sights." His personal relief of the

town of Renaix took place on September 3, 1944, when he set off to find his regiment after liaising with the American forces. He drove to Renaix hoping to meet up with British soldiers but arrived to find he was the first Allied officer to reach the town. One hundred and fifty German troops had just left. According to the inhabitants

we had liberated the town." The diary entry for July 24 records: "We had dinner at a small cafe - steak and new potatoes, Camembert cheese and cider. Best meal since

drunk all the champagne." The captain, who was brought up in Northern Ireland and is now aged 85, later won the Military Cross for his leadership and gallantry in the six-day Battle of Jaffa in Israel in 1948.

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Army officers 'sent flowers after gang rape'

Court told case against six men rests on whether

student consented to group sex, Tim Jones reports

SIX naked Army officers stripped and raped a 23-year-old student after cavorting around her in a sauna, a court was told yesterday. She was taken to a bedroom where each took turns to have sex with her against her will.

with her against her will.

Richard Latham. QC, for the prosecution, told a jury at Oxford Crown Court that the central issue of the case was whether the woman, who cannot be identified, consented to group sex.

He said that two days after the attack, at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, the accused had clubbed together to send her a bouquet of flowers with the message: "Sorry about the misunderstanding. Please accept apologies from all involved."

Mr Latham told the court: "On any view, what I am going to describe does no one in this case any credit. You may disapprove of the sexual morality of the complainant and each defendant. Consumption of too much alcoholhad a lot to do with what happened. You may consider some actions of the complainant herself to have been foolhardy in the extreme." He told the jury, however: "This is not a court of morals. You must be objective and you must be dispassionate."

dispassionate."

Before the court are Captain
Philip Bates, 26, of Bordon,
Hampshire: Lieutenant
Darren Bartlett, 24, of Reading, Berkshire; Officer Cadet
Andrew Stout, 20, of
Whickham, Gateshead; Officer Cadet Nicholas
Oettinger, 20, of Preston, Lancashire; Lieutenant Matthew
Tupling, 24, also of Bordon;
and Captain Ian Barlow, 29, of
Northallerton, north Yorkshire. All six officers deny
raping the woman between



May 26 and May 29 last year.
The student, dressed in a white blouse and wearing glasses, told the court she had gone out with Mr Oettinger, Mr Bates and another officer. Lieutenant Rupert Whiting, to a nightclub in Swindon after meeting them through her

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work as a part-time barmaid.

Mr Latham said that the woman consented to sex with Mr Oettinger in Mr Bates's bedroom at the college, which is part of Cranfield University. Mr Whiting, who is not facing charges, also had intercourse with her.

Mr Latham said that on the afternoon of the gang rape, ten days later, the student and a friend went with a number of the officers to a village fête. She had returned to the college after being persuaded to have a sauna, had undressed in the corridor and entered the small room where she ended up with the six defendants, who were all naked. While she was in the sauna, Mr Latham said, her friend went into the shower where she had sex with Mr Whiting.

He said that Mr Bartlett tried to put his hands between her legs, and Mr Tupling started to urinate on the towel she was wearing. "She responded in strong fashion, called him a bastard and ran into the outer room. The men thought it was funny."

Mr Oettinger, with whom she had had a consenting sexual relationship, had said he would take her to Mr Bates's room so that she could change her clothes. Once there she had started to put her clothes on when the other five, all naked, marched in. As Mr Bates had put a pornographic film on the video, Mr Bartlett had shouted: "Are you into group sex?"

Mr Latham added: "He [Mr Bartlett] pushed her on the bed and straddled her and when she protested told her to enjoy it. Her clothes were taken off ... all of them tried or had intercourse with her, encouraged by the others."

As the soldiers systematically raped her, Mr Latham said, the complainant, confronted with six naked men had no option but to acceed to their demands, although she fought off an attempt to handcuff her.

Reginning her evidence the

Beginning her evidence, the student said of the incident in the sauna: "I was not particularly satisfied that the men had no clothes on but I was not completely distressed about the whole thing."

Mr Latham said that afterwards the student was sobbing and told the friend of the rape "within minutes" of them leaving the college. She had told her boyfriend about the incident later that day and disclosed her ordeal to her GP two days later, when she asked for the morning after pill. She had complained to pill. She had complained to six months later. He said that the soldiers were arrested on December 3.

The case continues.





The other accused, left to right: Captain Ian Barlow, Lieutenants Tupling and Bartlett, and Captain Philip Bates

Mother jailed for defying access order

By Frances GIBB

A WOMAN went to jail yesterday rather than obey a court order that she must let her former partner see their fiveyear-old son

The woman, who cannot be identified, was jailed for three months by Judge Downes at the High Court after she refused to obey a court order made in May giving the father limited access to the child. The woman admitted contempt but claimed from the witness box that she was trying to protect her son from his

father's "sexual deviancy".

She said the father had made "suggestions of a sexual nature" to her son during an earlier visit. She said that she wanted the court to order that there be no contact at all between them.

Judge Downes said that her allegations had been rejected at an earlier court hearing and there was no justification for her stance. He recognised that a jail sentence could only harm the boy and his two half-sisters, who will be cared for by the woman's family in her absence, and had done everything he could to avoid it. But the Northampton woman, who is in her thirties, had "held a gun to the court's head" by

a guilto the court's nead of their "persistent intransigence".

"I have tried to persuade her that there are better ways of dealing with this situation, but it's quite clear to me that she is setting her face against the court. The court is concerned about the interests of the boy and his right to see his father."

and his right to see his father."
Paul Cavadino, of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) said: "While courts are understandably concerned to ensure their orders are not flouted, this seems an excessively harsh reaction."

Courts, he added. "must recognise that the welfare of the child is paramount, and repeatedly jailing a mother is hardly likely to promote a child's welfare".

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These shock findings come from 'What Price a Child?',* an investigative study into the cost of child-rearing by well-known consumer journalist and broadcaster Jan Walsh.

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Brown rules out easing public sector pay freeze

The Chancellor will not give nurses and teachers more than the 3 per cent

inflation rise ministers have accepted themselves, reports Jill Sherman

GORDON BROWN made clear yesterday that he would not bow to the demands of nurses, teachers and other public sector workers in the next round of pay settlements.

The Chancellor indicated that he would extend the freeze on the public sector wage hill for at least the next two years. and gave a warning that the clampdown on public spending could be extended to a third year.

Nurses, doctors and other public service workers were unlikely to get more than the 3 per cent inflation rise which Cabinet ministers have just decided to take themselves. Pay settlements right across the board" would be guided by firmness and fairness, he said. And in our spending decisions, fairness will be our

He came under attack from Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison, the public sector union, who said: "Gordon, it must be possible to be credible and radical and still aspire to decent wages for people whose skills and efforts make us a civilised society."

Treasury officials disclosed that the spending round, when ministers bid for extra money. would be abandoned for a

plans for two years, ministers had hoped to be able to influence spending priorities.

Yesterday's tough message came during Mr Brown's conference speech when he made clear that the Government would not make the same mistakes of Labour administrations in 1964 and 1974. "It is only by being prudent and disciplined now building a platform for long-term stability — that we will be able to deliver the people's priorities for health and education in the years

Mr Brown used his speech to announce his ambition of achieving full employment in the next century. Aides explained that the initial aim was to secure an employment opportunity for all under the "New Deal" programme to put the 18 to 25-year-olds into

The Chancellor said his aim was for a Britain where no life was wasted by unemployment and, to achieve that, modernisation of the party had to be followed by modernisation of Britain.

It would take the form of modernisation of the economy, opening it up to more competition and dynamism. transforming education into life-long learning and making



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opportunity for all.He also suggested that the next Budget would include the introduction of a 10p tax and new tax credits for the low paid, put directly into wage packets.

Modernisation of the economy was not about image but about substance. "It starts not with pump-priming but pru-dence, not dashes for growth but discipline, not free-for-alls but responsibility: not rejec-tion of change but a more flexible welfare state and lab-

"This root-and-branch modernisation of our economy with a new welfare state is the modern way, the only way, the new Labour way to achieve what we have always sought and what I affirm as our goal today: employment opportunity for all in every part of Britain: full employment for the 21st century - the ambition of decent-minded people

everywhere."Mr Brown's Iron

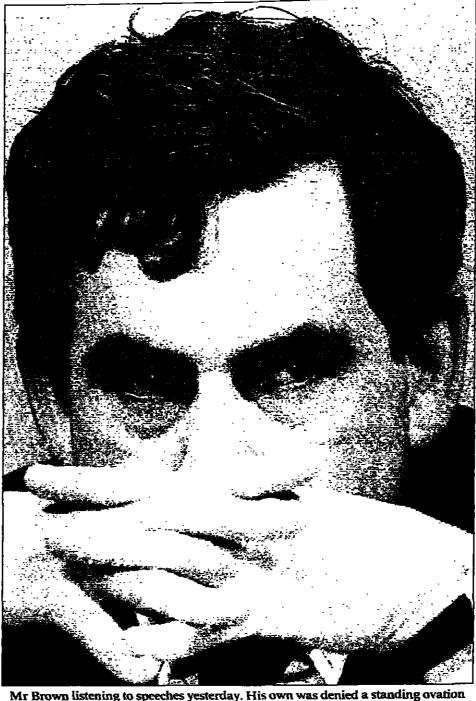
Chancellor message probably robbed him of the standing ovation like the one he received last year. But the Chancellor was optimistic that the economy could be back on track as early as next year, based on his deficit reduction plan for public borrowing. reforms to the Bank of England and the necessary interest rate rise.

The economic debate was more muted than previous years, with most delegates prepared to give their new Chancellor the benefit of the doubt. Ken Jackson of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union said that, by achieving economic stability, Labour would win the

ight to a second term in office. They will have earned the trust of the British electorate the economist, the doctor, the banker, the shop worker, the teacher and the train driver." Mr Jackson said. The unions had championed partnerships between the public and private sectors before the Tories had.

There were calls for the Government to review the Private Finance Initiative and to ease spending restrictions in the public sector instead of keeping rigidly to the limits set

Additional reporting by



Mr Brown listening to speeches yesterday. His own was denied a standing ovation

New Labour message sounds reassuringly old

GORDON BROWN knows how to bridge old and new Labour. Peter Mandelson could but does not wish day by the contrasting fates of the two main architects of Blairism. Mr Brown was able to deliver a new Labour message on economic policy in language reassuring to old Labour, while Mr Mandelson's attempt to win the support of the party's ordinary members for election to the national executive com-

mittee failed. The defeat of Mr Mandelson by Ken Livingstone, the epitome of the old Labour Left in London, is mainly of symbolic importance. though nonetheless striking and headline-catching for all that. It will not affect the Minister without

Portfolio's position within the Government, or the high respect which Tony Blair has for him and his strategic insights. Indeed, Mr Blair may feel that Mr Mandelson took an unnecessary quixotic gamble given that the NEC post carries no power and will disappear under the "Partnership in Power" changes for reforming the party's structure approved yesterday. Mr Mandelson is still likely to enter the Cabinet

at the first reshuffle. Nonetheless, yesterday's vote is a serious setback for Mr Mandelson's attempt to "break free" from Mr Blair. It is misleading to see the result as merely a rebuff for new Labour. But it is odd, as well as cruel, that the single politician most responsible for the ten year strategy

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leading up to the victory being celebrated in Brighton has been so publicly rejected. Some of the private glee of his colleagues last night was hypocritical. Many owe their current prominence to him.

But personal factors obviously olayed a part — notably Mr Mandelson's role as a highly parti-san fixer, whether fighting Tories or internal party opponents. This is not an appealing public image. He is himself partly responsible by appearing to cultivate his "Prince of Darkness" reputation, and Mr. Blair has not allowed his close

adviser to develop his own political base. Mr Mandelson is now more than ever tied to Mr Blair. He can win elections for other people but not for himself.

By contrast, Mr Brown has always had his own role and style, distinct from his leader. While Mr Blair has presented his approach in consciously "new" terms, Mr Brown has sought to appeal to old Labour as well, particularly in his annual conference speeches. He has tried to show that fiscal austerity and public spending discipline is compatible with "Labour's enduring values . . . great ideals". He depicted himself yesterday as a successor to Keir Hardie and Aneurin Bevan.

His most striking pledge yester-

day was to reaffirm the aims of the 1945 Government for "high and sustainable levels of growth and employment ... full employment for the 21st century".

But this did not mean a return to the Keynesian goals and policies of the thirty years after 1945. He specifically argued that, "just as you cannot spendg your way out of recession, you cannot, in a global economy, simply spend your way through a recovery either".

Mr Brown has in effect redefined full employment - as an objective not of macro-economic but rather of micro-economic policy. The aim now is to provide employment opportunities for all who want them via actions to help the young

lone parents and the disabled looking for work. Instead, of boosting demand to meet a target level of low unemployment, we now have a supply-side strategy for "creating opportunities for work". But that will depend on the far-reaching reform of tax and benefits and the welfare system now under way in Whitehall, which will be a central theme of Mr Blair's speech this

The Chancellor's speech yesterday was low key, and seldom excited the conference. There is still an air of unreality, of not fully adjusting to Labour being in government rather than in opposi-

Minimum pay must cover all ages, says Unison

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INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE largest union affiliated to the Labour Party told Tony Blair yesterday that it would be unthinkable for the Government to exempt people under 25 from the proposed statutory minimum wage.

The warning from Unison, the public services union, clearly indicates trade union anger at the Government's plan Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, has instructed the Low Pay Commission, which is. charged with recommending a minimum wage rate, to consider the exemption.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, the Unison general secretary, yes-terday said that it would be unthinkable for a Labour Government to exclude so many people from the protection of a minimum wage. He told a Low Pay Unit fringe meeting that the move was hardly designed to increase Labour's vote among young people at the next general election.

There was no evidence that excluding people up to such a high age would protect or increase employment, he added. If there was to be a debate about the exclusion, it was his and the unions' job in dealing with such a proposal to "knock

After the disclosure by The Times of Mrs Beckett's action, Mr Bickerstaffe and other union leaders contacted her department privately on the issue. He suggested yesterday that he had been assured that the Government was not yet fixed firmly to the proposal.

But union leaders and lowpay campaigners believe that the option's inclusion in the specific terms of reference for: the commission, rather than as a general point by ministers or their advisers, is likely to be fully taken into account by the commission when recommending a rate to the Prime Minister next spring.

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Activists back reforms that will end secret policy deals

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TONY BLAIR's plans for sweeping reforms of Labour's policymaking structures won overwhelming backing from conference delegates, despite strong criticism from those wanting to defer the decision

for another year. The proposals will give the party conference less influence over policy and allow Mr Blair more control over the National Executive Committee, the party's ruling body, although grassroots members will have a bigger input.

Delegates backed the main reforms but trade unions were bought off by a pledge that they would retain a 50 per cent share of the vote at conference.

Neverthelesss, about 50 constituency parties supported motions calling on the leadership to defer the proposals for a year until they had been properly thought through.

Delegates accused Mr Blair of railroading through the reforms without adequate consultation. They were concerned that the changes would turn the conference into a rubber-stamping event with no opportunity for real debate. But in a series of card votes. the leadership comfortably fought off challenges.

Tom Sawyer, the party's general secretary, claimed that the only way that Labour could banish divisions by radical reforms of party structures. Opening the debate into Partnership in Power (the

document setting out the reform plans), he said: "After every election, after every single term, the divisions in one form or another have opened up between party and Government and we have lost. We must never let that happen again."

Under the plans there will be a three-year rolling policy programme guided by a re-vamped National Policy Forum, which will include more ordinary members. The procedure will mark the end of horsetrading in smoke-filled rooms on the eve of party conferences.

Mr Sawyer reassured critics that the policy forum would be extended to include an "extensive" membership from the

Government's members by 30 to one. "The goal of Partnership in Power is to create ways of working that promote partnership and not hinder it, that build our party up rather than weigh it down, that engages ordinary members rather

than mystifying them." Karen Turnbull, of the public services union Unison, emphasised that the changes preserved the union link rather than severed it. These proposals signal very clearly that trade unions are here to stay." she said.

But Ann Black, from Oxford East, was cheered when she urged that the reforms be deferred for a year to allow more time for debate. Caution-

rank and file to outnumber the into change for change's sake. she said: "It is not disloyal to have different views and express them constructively. It is our duty." Maria Iacovou, from Isling-

ton North, backed the call for delay, telling delegates: "We haven't had enough time. Let's make haste slowly. The party should consult widely and develop structures that all members could have a stake in."

Ken Livingstone, MP for Brent East, also called for the reform plans to be deferred. He said he did not want the rights of conference "disappearing into a bureaucracy, where we see people again and again dominated by party apparatchiks in London".

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE 'ORDINARY' MEMBERS

By James Landaue

THE Partnership in Power reforms make two key changes to the way the party works: on policymaking and on membership of the National Executive Committee.

Tony Blair believes the moves will involve more ordinary party members. Opponents say the changes are designed to block rebel activists causing a row at the new "rally-style" conferences and to prevent leftwingers being elected to the NEC. Policy: the conference will theoretically remain the party's sovereign policymaking

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body. Local Labour parties will no longer be able to initiate policy through composite motions and resolutions put to party conference. Instead, constituency par-

ties, local policy forums, and trade unions will put policy ideas to a new national policy forum, a 175-strong elected body with represen-tatives from across the party. In practice, the policy discussions will be driven by a

powerful steering committee, known as the joint policy committee, headed by the party leader, with equal numbers of ministers and NEC members. The committee will then put the policy documents to conference. NEC: party activists will no. longer be able to vote for MPs to represent them on the NEC. Instead, party members will elect six activists, with three MPs elected by colleagues in Westminster and three ministers appointed by Tony Blair. Although the "women's section" will be scrapped, compensatory new quotas for women have been added.

Under the new system, left-wing MPs are unlikely to win seats because they are less popular among the new

Whatever

Prescott wallows in triumphalism

BY NICHOLAS WATT POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN PRESCOTT vesterday whipped up Labour's victorious mood for the conference with a rousing speech that reminded activists of their landslide win on May I.

Laughter and clapping broke out around the onference half as the Deputy Prime Minister rounded on the Tories, taunted the Liberal Democrats and even dared to mock Tony Blair.

A huge smile broke out across the Prime Minister's Waldegrave, Edwina Currie

and David Mellor. We on the platform, when Mr to bed, could we?" Prescott said: "Tony reminds us we that we can't be compla-Mr Prescott then turned to cent, we can't have any the result in Enfield Southtriumphalists. Oh sod it. yes gate. "I know you should't we can. Yes we will. For a few

tory." He then turned and said: "Sorry Tony." Mr Prescott gleefully listed the names of Tory MPs who lost their seats. To cheers. hisses and boos, he said: "We watched the Tories tumble one by one. William

couldn't bring ourselves to go

kick a man when he is down. But what a great moment it was when Michael Portillo ..." Clapping drowned out the rest of his sentence. Mr Prescott reeled off the number

of Labour MPs - 471 - as he said that Labour had "smashed all the records". However, he mistook the number of MPs - Labour won 418 seats.



Prescott said Labour 'smashed all records"

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How Mandelson underestimated his unpopularity

THE TIMES TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30 1997

is acknowledged even by his enemies as the shrewdest political strategist of his generation, gambled on the NEC election in a doomed attempt to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather.

The Minister without Portfolio was also trying to secure ahead of a widely expected promotion to the Cabinet. For once the master tactician got it badly wrong.

Mr Mandelson has often

been compared with Herbert Morrison. There are physical as well political resemblances between grandson and grand-father. Mr Morrison, an Attlee minister, was for 20 years one of the most important figures in the Labour Party. Mr Morrison was a key figure behind the 1951 Festival of Britain though its South Bank Arts complex was cheaper than the Millennium Dome that Mr Mandelson is masterminding.

Mr Morrison, like his grandson, was never trusted by his parliamentary colleagues. His last years were unhappy. The trade unions. which have never warmed to Mr Mandelson, turned against him.

But worse was to come. He lost his covered place on Labour's National Executive Committee. There was a bitter irony in Mr Mandelson's fate yesterday. It was the last time ministers will stand for election to the NEC. Next year they will be appointed.

It has meant that Mr Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio, has been denied his only chance to secure the legitimacy he craved - an endorsement from the grassroots - for the extraordinary power he wields in the Government. Mr Mandelson knew he has

enemies in the parliamentary party. The left wing resented his carefully cultivated image as an eminence grise. They blamed him for the sanitisation of the party conference, which was once a hotbed of dissent and debate.

But he judged, incorrectly, that with Labour at a high Andrew Pierce

reports on the minister who decided

to gamble . . .

ment had finally arrived to risk running for a party pos-ition by exploiting his role as

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architect of Labour's stunning He had a powerful friend at court. Tony Blair endorsed the candidacy of his closest politadviser. Mr Blair had another reason. A defeat for Mr Mandelson would be seen as a setback to his own authority.

His NEC campaign began in August when the Prime Minister was out of the country. He let it be known that he had been left to "mind the

NEC RESULTS

The votes cast for the seven MPs elected to the NEC by constituency Labour parties are: Robin Cook 118,726; David Blunkett 106,601; Mo Mowlam 105,717; Dennis Skinner 100,268; Ken Livingstone 83,669; Harriet Harman 80,498; Diane Abbott 76,772.

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The rest of the NEC comprises: Margaret Prosser, tressurer, John Allen AEEU; Vernon Hince RMT; Derek Hodgsor CWU; Diena Holland CWU; Diena Holland TGWU; Maggie Jones Unison; John Mitchell GPMU; Frank Murphy Usdaw; Steve Pickering GMB; Richard Rosser TSSA; Mary Turner GMB; Margaret Wall MSF; Christine Wilde Unison; Ian McCartney MP, NULSC. Hillary Armstrong MP, Margaret Beckett MP, Brenda Etchells, Diana Jeuda, and Clare Short MP, are the women's section. Catherine Taylor retion. Catherine Taylor re-mains youth represent-ative, Tony, Blair and John Prescott also remain on the committee.

was everywhere. He indicated that the Royal Yacht Britannia would be saved. At the weekend it was confirmed that it was being scrapped.

Mr Mandelson disclosed that the security forces were investigating Chris Patten, the former Governor of Hong Kong. They have yet to inter-view Mr Patten. He became embroiled in an on-air row with a BBC radio presenter over alleged anti-Labour bias. He dominated the headlines.

It was all about raising his profile to secure name recognition on the NEC ballot slips which would be going out the following month. John Prescott helped when he named a crab after Mr Mandelson.

At first it seemed the strategy had paid off. Even as late as the weekend, aides of the Prime Minister indicated that Mr Mandelson was home and dry. But a fatal mistake had been made. Mr Mandelson had underestimated the depth of his unpopularity.

Most MPs and delegates in

Brighton assumed he had won. Few admitted to voting for him or knowing anyone who had. Others declared that they had not bothered to vote in the past but had done so this time to try to stop Mr Mandelson.

The result was a serious blow to his reputation and ego. But there was another bitter twist. Mr Mandelson, who cares more than any other MP about Tony Blair's image, damaged it on the eve of the Prime Minister's victorious conference speech. If he had secured a seat on

the NEC he might have succeeded where his grandfather failed, and gone on to become party leader. But now it seems that Clare

Short, one of his old sparring partners, may finally achieve her wish. Ms Short bemoaned the presence of "dark forces". spin doctors who operated in the shadows. A wounded Mr Mandelson might now take her advice and return to the shadows from which he emerged this summer.

Peter Stothard, page 18



Media baffled by the great spin-doctor's vanishing act

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

IF LABOUR'S all-knowing, all-seeing one had any inkling of his fate before the National Executive Committee election results were announced yesterday, he didn't say so. In fact, Peter Mandelson was not saying anything. The Minister without Portfolio was also without voice, the sultan of spin was not spinning.

For once everybody wanted to see him, but he didn't want to see everybody. It had been a different story on Sunday night when he gyrated conspicuously across the dance floor at the Young Labour bash. But in the morning he was nowhere to be seen.

Ken Livingstone, who had been billed as Mr Mandelson's chief, rival, bad accused him of using his high profile to campaign for the job with Labour activists. He said the Minister had enjoyed the equivalent of £10 million worth of free advertising. Yeserday, however, with the

close to call Mr Mandelson was conspicuous by his

TV crews and photographers ran around the stuffy conference centre in circles looking for pictures, hoping to persuade Mr Mandelson to predict the outcome of the vote. They wanted to know if he was anxious? After all wasn't it his dear wish to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, Herbert Morri-son, who had been a member of the NEC?

A rumour would send them scurrying back to the Metropole Hotel only to be disappointed. A counter rumour had him making a surprise appearance at a fringe meeting. Quite false. He was nowhere in the auditorium when John Prescott made his quip about exchanging words with one or two crabs while out on the election

Finally at lunchtime the spin-doctor's own spin-doctor was run to ground in his hotel

cheerfully, was in his hotel room too. "He has been working," he said, as if it was the most natural thing in the world for the so-called architect of the great election triumph to skulk all morning in his bedroom while every

body else whooped it up in the

conference hall. Mr Mandelson's man said that he expected his boss would come to watch the Chancellor's speech, as he always did. But he never showed. As the time for the announcment of the results approached there was quite a crowd in the lobby waiting

for him finally to appear.

Eventually he did. But only as a flash in the distance as he scuttled out of a back door and zipped across to the

He appeared in the auditorium and there were murmurs from the audience. He took a seat in the front row of a block of seats to the side of the stage next to his old friend Neil Kinnock. The two

laughed and joked as if Mr Mandelson had come along just to listen to some of Mr Kinnock's rugby stories. Even when some cheeky party apparatchik allowed a

close up of Mr Mandelson. the great image-shaper himself, to be shown on the big screens he didn't allow his fixed grin to fade. Then the results were announced. He grinned or looked mildly at the screen. There were cheers for Livingstone's result. Much louder ones for his poorer Still he showed no disap-

pointment. The rivalry between Mr Mandelson and Mr Livingstone over the NEC has a long history stretching back to 1985 when the architect of the 1997 victory, then a television producer, was elected by the committee to be its director of campaigns and communications. He succeeded on the second ballot in defeating one Nita Clarke, Mr Livingstone's then press officer. He had been supported

Britain will join EMU, predicts Kinnock

By NICHOLAS WATT POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR'S landslide general election victory had removed any doubt about whether Britain would join the single European currency, Neil Kinnock, the party's for-

mer leader, said yesterday. Speaking at a fringe meet-ing at the Labour conference, Mr Kinnock said that British entry was now a question of when, not if. In language that that ministers have shown, Mr Kinnock, now European Commissioner for Transport. said: "I don't think anyone really has to ask if, not since May I. I don't think there is any doubt that it is possible to overcome the impediments and then there will be entry

into the single currency."

Mr Kinnock refused to be drawn on when Britain would sign up. He said that the only answer that could be given was "when the Government feels that it really can recommend to Parliament that that is the right thing in the interests of the United Kingdom".

The former Labour leader. who is being feted in Brighton, was much more confident than his former frontbench colleagues that Britain would join the currency. At the weekend, the Chancellor, and the Foreign Secretary countered suggestions that Britain could take an early decision to sign up. Amid speculation that Britain might join soon after the currency is launched in January 1999, Gordon Brown said it was unlikely that Britain would join in the first wave, adding: "There are formidable obstacles to EMU-entry."

Mr Kinnock also said that more officials should be provided at the Commission in Brussels. Asked by a councillor why applications to Brussels for funding took so long to be processed, he sympathised, blaming a lack of staff. He called for a "tiny amount more" to be spent on staff, because the 17.000 officials in Brussels 'scarcely constitutes a sprawling bureaucracy". But he admitted that "there would be imerry hell if any proposition were made to add to the preat bureaucracy is

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Dobson: NHS to be run by those who use it

Private healthcare users face NHS trust job ban

By Polly Newton, political reporter

PEOPLE who use only private healthcare are to he banned from positions on hospital trust boards and other NHS bodies, Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, will announce today.

In a speech to the party conference, Mr Dobson will present plans to remove board. members who do not use the NHS. Present office holders who have private health insurance will not have their appointments renewed. Mr Dobson will tell dele-

gates: "People who don't use the health service won't be running it from now on." A Labour source said the

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rule that requires applicants to demonstrate "a commitment to the NHS" would be interpreted more rigorously. "If you are a board member or chair of a trust who personally doesn't use the health service, then you are not going to be demonstrating your commitment to the health service." The ban will not extend to

anyone who has ever used private healthcare, only to those who now rely solely on private health insurance. It is not expected to apply to those who use the NHS but whose spouses or children do not. It is not known how many people will be affected by the

change. The Government will continue to insist that trust board members live locally. Mr Dobson will also use his speech today to emphasise the overnment's commitment to NHS staff, repeating his promise to push for tougher sentences against those convicted of assault on them. He will also promise to tackle racist abuse of health service

He will address claims by the Liberal Democrats and others that Labour is not fulfilling pre-election promises to invest in the NHS, insisting that the Government will spend an extra 11.2 billion on health services next year. "That is £3 million extra

every single day That is double what the Liberal Democrats promised in their manifesto," he will say.

Mr Dobson will announce
details of what is claimed to be

the biggest consultation exercise in the history of the NHS, involving the scrutiny of service provision for six million people in 42 pilot projects around the country. He will promise an end by

next April to the "two tier" system that has allowed some GP fundholders' patients to jump hospital treatment

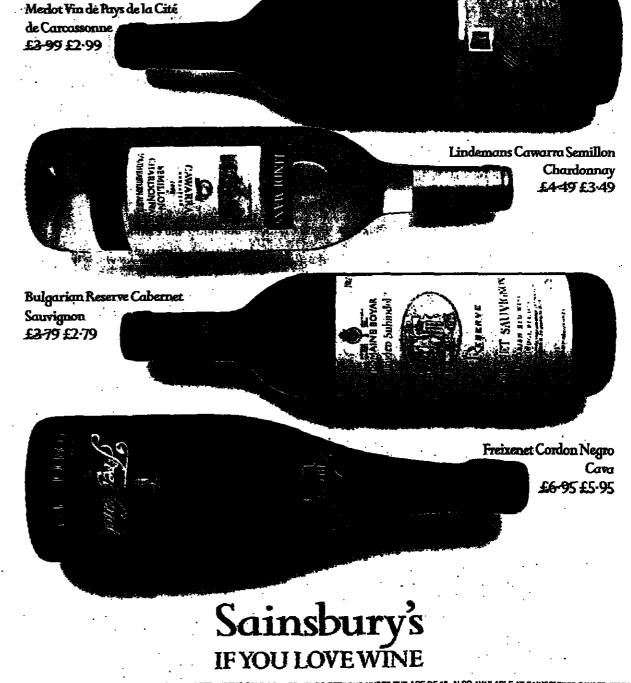
TODAY'S AGENDA

MORNING: Mo Mowlam on Northern Ireland, Pauline Green on Labour's MEPs and Frank Dobson on health. AFTERNOON: Torry Blair delivers the leader's speech at 2,30pm. THE FRINGE: Chris Smith on the new creative economy (Old Ship Hotal, 5,45pm); Torry Banks and Trevor Brooking on "sport for all" (Grand Hotal, 6pm); Tribune Raily with Gordon Brown, Robin Cook and Tory Banks (Com Exchange, 7pm).

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barbers help to trim births

By Christopher Thomas IN PEDDA AMBERPET VILLAGE. SOUTHERN INDIA

TENS of thousands of village barbers in southern India are to become frontline workers in an attempt to curb the country's soaring population. which will reach one biltion in three or four years and overtake that of China soon afterwards.

Andhra Pradesh state is aiming to use barbers to persuade men to drop their prejudice against condoms. It is a revolutionary idea for India. which is starting to take population policy more seriously after decades of virtually ignoring it.

Condoms, like all other forms of birth control, are free throughout India, but few men use them despite increasing awareness of Aids, which is becoming an epidemic that is likely to be worse than anything experienced in sub-Saharan Africa. Vasectomies are virtually non-existent because villagers are convinced the procedure will weaken them for work in the fields.

Female sterilisation accounts for three quarters of all contraception and a third of all Indian women of child-bearing age have been sterilised, probably the world's highest figure. But it is not enough: the population is rising by 16 million a year, equivalent to almost the entire population of Australia.

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The Hyderabad-based Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare believes that barbers can be trained to tell villagers how to use condoms. A training programme is getting under way to give basic instructions, and each barber — there are usually five or six in any village — will be given piles of government-issue condoms to hand out.

Taleban detains Euro aid chief in filming row

FROM TIM JOHNSTON IN KABUL

ARMED religious police of the Islamic Taleban yesterday held Emma Bonino, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, and 18 other people for more than three hours after pictures of women were taken in an Afghan hospital.

Signora Bonino said she had been frightened by the experience. "I was scared because they were fully armed and had Kalashnikovs pointed at us," she said after her release. The commissioner was arrested on a visit to a women's hospital. Taleban accused journalists

with her of taking photo-graphs of women, an offence under the movement's regulations. She said that the experience had given her a taste of what Afghans go through every day. This is an example of how people live here, in a situation of random terror."

Filippo di Robilant, spokesman for Signora Bonino, said that the journalists accompanying her were unaware of the restrictions on filming, and ber. Signora Bonino's group stopped as soon as they were asked. "[Bonino] went upstairs to talk to the director lof the clinicl. Meanwhile, the press had entered the wards. No one had told them not to. They had been filming for ten minutes and when they were told to stop they packed up," he said. All 19 were released after the

television crews accompanying Signora Bonino agreed to hand over video cassettes. Haji Habibullah, a security official, said earlier that Signora Bonino and the others had

been "arrested because they

did not have any letters from

the authorities and they were taking pictures of women. "It is the policy of Taleban that no unrelated man may take pictures of women. They were brought in for this offence. The head of the hospital came to complain to us that they were taking pictures." Taleban banned all photographs of living beings, saying that they are un-Islamic, when

it captured Kabul last Septem-

was detained in the hot, dusty yard of a police station in central Kabul. Armed Taleban fighters guarding them laid out carpets in the shade of a tree, and one said that the detainees had been offered Western soft drinks to slake their thirst. The release apparently

came after the authorities

consulted Mullah Muham-

mad Rabbani, acting head of

the Taleban interim ruling council in Kabul. (Reuters) ☐ Brussels: Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, said he deplored the detention of Signora Bonino, especially as her mission was of a purely humanitarian nature", Signora Bonino had received apologies from the Alghan authorities. A commission statement said that over the past two years it had channelled £125 million of humanitarian aid into Afghanistan, becoming the world's most generous donor to the country. (Reuters)



Emma Bonino leaves detention in Kabul in a Red Cross car. The rifle symbol indicates no weapons are inside

Narrow victory for Singapore leader in defamation case bassies attended the trial. While



Jeyaretnam: felt case was a ruse to exclude him from Parliament

FROM CHRISTOPHER LYDGATE IN SINGAPORE

A HIGH Court judge has awarded damages of more than £8,000 against a veteran Singaporean opposition politician for defamation of Goh Chok Tong, the Prime

But the award was a tenth of what Mr Goh had asked for and Joshua "Ben" Jeyaretnam, the 71year-old leader of the Workers' Party, was told to pay only 60 per cent of the legal costs. The judge said the Prime Minister's lawyers had overstated their case.

Judge S. Rajendran awarded the Prime Minister damages of £8,100 for remarks made by Mr Jeyaretnam at an election rally in January, when the opposition figure told the crowd he had just heard about two police reports in which leaders of the ruling People's Action Party were accused of criminal conspiracy and lying. The reports had been filed by Mr Jeyaretnam's running mate. Tang Liang Hong. "The Prime Minister

is entitled to his reputation no less than the ordinary citizen," the judge wrote in his 142-page sum-

ming up.
"While there is an undeniable public interest in protecting freedom of speech as a means of exposing wrongdoing or abuse of office by public officials, there is an equal public interest in allowing those public officials to execute their duties unfettered by false aspersions." A solicitor from Allen Gledhill, the Prime Minis-

SINGAPORE'S legal commun-

ity were surprised when they learned that High Court Judge

S. Rajendran would be presid-

ing over one of the most political-

ly sensitive trials Singapore has

seen in years (Christopher Lyd-

Some of Singapore's most

senior judges have close links to

gate writes).

Jeyaretnam commented: "It could have been worse." He said that he had not yet decided whether or

not to appeal. The case has generated controversy both locally and internationally because it strikes at the heart of one of Singapore's most sensitive political issues — whether the ruling party uses lawsuits to hobble the Opposition. Observers from Amnesty International. the International Commission of ter's law firm, said the judgment Jurists and various foreign em-

prising in a one-party political

system. But Judge Rajendran is

not one of them. Although he

could hardly be called an anti-

establishment figure, the 59-year-

old judge has demonstrated his

willingness to make controver-

sial rulings, and along the way

has forged a reputation as an

eminently fair and reasonable

libel cases in Singapore are not unusual, the suits against Mr Jeyaretnam have attracted special attention because, if he is forced to declare bankruptcy, he will lose his seat in Parliament. Mr Jeyaretnam said that although he hoped to keep his seat, he was not

During the trial, the Prime

Minister described Mr Jeyaretnam's announcement at the opposition rally as a "Molotov

sure how he would raise the

Trial judge respected for fairness the few lawyers willing to speak the record about Mr Rajendran.

One lawyer who knew him before he became a judge, said: "Everything he told me he lived up to. When I heard he was to be the judge in the Jeyaretnam case, thought that was the best chance Jevaretnam had."

tremendous political damage, because it led the audience to believe the PAP leaders had committed criminal offences. Under cross-examination, howeyer. Mr Goh admitted that he himself had authorised the contents of the police reports to be

leaked to the press. For his part, Mr Jeyaretnam contended that the suits against him were a "purely political" effort to bankrupt him and drive him out of Parliament. His British lawyer, George Carman QC. waged a blistering cross-examination of the Prime Minister, in which he suggested that Singapore leaders only paid "lip service" to democracy in their efforts to "stifle the Opposition".

Mr Goh and ten fellow leaders of the ruling party brought eight cases of libel against Mr Jeyaretnam, and Mr Goh's was taken as a test which would determine the rulings in them all. There will now be damageshearings in the other suits.

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Keagan's memoirs snubbed first wife

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

RONALD REAGAN excluded his first wife, Jane Wyman, from the original draft of his memoirs, making no reference to his life with her, the book's editor has disclosed.

the ruling party - hardly sur- jurist. "He's liked and respect-

According to Michael Korda, who edited An American Life, which was published in 1990, the former American President had to be coaxed to restore his former wife to the

Writing in The New Yorker magazine, published yesterday, Korda recounts an early encounter with Mr Reagan at his retirement home in California. They were meeting to discuss the first draft of the autobiography and Korda was worried that "Reagan had refused even to mention his

first wife, Jane Wyman, in the book". The editor "feared that this hiatus might cause reviewers to question Reagan's willingness to face facts".

When he raised the question of omitting Ms Wyman, who is now 83, "Reagan's benign expression didn't change, but his eyes became a little frosty". The former President then said that "there was no point in going into all that stuff". In fact, he "hardly remembered a thing about his marriage to Jane . . . it was all water under

the bridge."

Korda persisted, pointing out that since they had a daughter from the marriage, it wasn't quite all water under the bridge". If Mr Reagan, now 89, left out of his book

something as well known as his first marriage, the reviewers "would conclude that he was leaving out things that were even more important".

"I never pay much attention to critics," Mr Reagan replied placidly, saying that the world was divided into two kinds of people: "Those who can, and those who criticise." Korda's efforts, however,

did bear some fruit. The next day, Mr Reagan said he had thought things over during the night and had concluded that would be "all right" to mention his first marriage. Thus his ghost writer was able to insert four lines about Ms Wyman in the manuscript. "And that," as Korda writes,



Jane Wyman: "Water under the bridge"

Empty chair' for Oklahoma bomb trial

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

WHEN jury selection began yesterday in the trial of Terry Nichols, allegedly the "silent partner" in America's worst act of terrorism, an empty chair stood between the jury box and the main table used by federal prosecutors.

His alleged accomplice in the Oklahoma bombing. Timothy McVeigh, was sentenced to death in the same Denver courtroom in June, a trial which the Nichols defence team studied with the utmost care.

As a result, his lawyers, led by Michael Tigar, argued strenuously for the concession to maintain an empty chair between the jury box and the prosecution team. They said the proximity of government lawyers fostered a subconscious bond between them and jurors during the McVeigh

Mr Nichols, 42, is the second man charged in the conspiracy to cause the bomb-ing, the devastating explosion in the American heartland two years ago that killed 168 adults and children.

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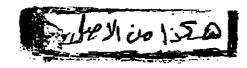
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Russian mafia in Colombia drug link

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

THE Russian mafia has teamed up with Colombian drug traffickers operating cocaine smuggling routes through the Caribbean to Europe and the United States, according to

American and European officials. Officials say the Russian mafiosi - police like to call them "Redfellas" - have established a beachhead in Miami, from where many of their il-

legal activities are being organised. The spreading tentacles of the Russian mafia were made apparent in February this year when federal agents swooped on a Miami strip club named Porky's where undercover agents say there was more than the usual adult entertainment on offer. Ludwig Fainberg, the club's owner, was the alleged mid-

Russian gangsters have established a criminal beachhead in Miami from which to organise their smuggling of cocaine in a lucrative alliance with the Colombian traffickers

dieman for an international drugs and arms smuggling conspiracy involving the sale of Colombian cocaine to Europe in return for Russian military equipment, including helicopters and even a diesel submarine. In a separate case, agents also arrested two Lithuanians in July after they allegedly tried to sell Russian shoulder-fired missiles for \$330,000 (£206,000) to undercover agents posing as Colom-

bian drug dealers. The investigation uncovered an alleged trafficking network that shipped cocaine from South America to St Petersburg in Russia packed in cargoes of iced shrimp.

Officials say meetings between Colombian traffickers and Russian mobsters have also taken place in a number of Caribbean islands. The Washington Post reported yesterday that Russian ships have delivered guns in exchange for drugs in

the Colombian port of Turbo. Apart from drugs and gunrunning, the Russian gangs are also suspected of involvement in money-

bank and financial frauds. They have got more money than God, and they are more ruthless than the '20's Prohibition gangsters," Kenneth Rijock, a Miami financial crimes consultant, said.

Russians, suspected of ties to organised crime groups have opened more than a dozen offshore banks around the Caribbean suspected of laundering drug money. With limited regulation, Antigua, St Maarten and Aruba have become

havens for dirty money.

Since the collapse of the Soviet
Union, organised Russian crime syndicates have formed relations with their criminal counterparts in 50 countries and operate some 200 groups worldwide. It is estimated that at least 24 Russian gangs operate across the US.

The US branch of the Russian

they blended easily with a large emigre community. But in recent years they began moving south to Florida for its climate and business potential, including ties with Latin American drug traffickers.

A two-year US study published yesterday by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies records a panoply of criminal activity under the umbrella of Russian mafia groups. Drawing on access to the FBI and CIA, the report concluded Russian organised crime was expanding in Central and Western Europe, the US, Canada, Israel, South Africa as well as Latin America. The report cites the illicit transfer every month of \$1 billion from Russia to Cyprus.

They are engaged in every pos-sible area of crime, including drug trafficking, extortion, large-scale car theft, international prostitution and smuggling of aliens, bank fraud, tax fraud, metals smuggling, illegal arms dealing and contract murder. Left unchecked, the report states, Russia is in danger of becoming a 'criminal-syndicalist state" under the control of corrupt government

bureaucrats, politicians, businessmen and criminals. This poses athreat to the security interests of the US "by fostering instability in a nuclear-armed major power". Russian police have expressed their concern about a huge growth

in the trafficking of illegal drugs over the past few years. Arkadi Kuznetsov, of the Interior Ministry. said there are plenty of people who think nothing of spending up to £2,000 in an evening at a nightclub. We used to think of Russia as a

land of drink, not drugs." In Communist times, even cannabis was comparatively little known.

US tax service suspends revenue agents

By Bronwen Maddox

THE Internal Revenue Service has suspended mid-level managers after accusations last week in front of a United States Senate committee that its agents harassed American taxpayers, particularly the poorest families.

The suspensions, disclosed appear to fulfil the revenue service's pledge to the Senate that it would investigate vigorously the dozens of horror stories, recounted last week. which triggered furious public protests across America.

Speaking from behind screens, their voices electronically disguised, revenue service agents told the Senate how their performance was measured solely on the number of seizures and fines they imposed, and how they found it easiest to meet their targets by chasing poor families and small businesses who were financially unsophisticated and could not afford legal advice. Taxpayers told the Senate how they were pursued relentlessly for taxes they did not owe or had tried to pay.

The hearings were particularly explosive because earlier investigations by a congressional commission and Congress's General Accounting Office failed to find evidence of widespread abuse of power. The disclosures have fed a belief among many Americans that the tax authorities, as agents of the much mistrusted Government in Washington, are vindictive, unfair and sometimes politically motivated. Paula Jones, who has accused President Clinton of sexual harassment, has said that she has come under

revenue service investigation. Newsweek also reported that it had obtained a copy of a memorandum from the service's Arkansas-Oklahoma office setting out the rules for evaluating agents on the basis of taxes they collected. If confirmed, this could be in breach of agreed procedures. Dick Armey, House majority leader, has promised to put forward legislation by the end of the year to curb abuses.

Repentant men go on the march for family gospel

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THEY sob as they hug each Hill - but will demand reother, swear they love their families and God, and promise to be better fathers and husbands. Washington is bracing itself for the arrival on Saturday of the Promise Keepers, the controversial Christian men's movement which has swept the country in just seven years.

"We're not focusing on men's rights," says Paul Edwards, the Promise Keepers' vice-president. "We're looking at men's wrongs and how God can help us make them right." Forget the male backlash

against feminism: Promise Keepers' tone is abject. Members, mostly middle-aged, thickset and halding, beg forgiveness for breaking promto their families, confessing everything from infidelity and wife-beating to failure to unload the dishwasher or read bedtime stories. The group admits only men, as it believes they are primarily responsible for family breakdown and that the traditional emphasis on "God the Father" has been eroded in

modern religion. In Washington, politicians are bemused by the notion that as many as half a million men will march on Capitol sideline.

form only from themselves, not the nation's lawmakers. The Christian Coalition, the political face of the Religious Right, has been jolted at the emergence of a headline-grab-

bing rival.

Most criticism has come from Boulder, Colorado, where the group's founder, Bill McCarmey, lives. Warren Hern, head of the Boulder Abortion Clinic, told The Washington Post that Promise Keepers was "a fascist movement" which gave "psychological protection" to those who shot at the clinic. "Coach McCartney wants political power. He's poison.

But in money terms Promise Keepers demands attention. In seven years it has acquired 360 staff; last year it had a revenue of \$96 million (£60) million) from donations at its 50.000-strong rallies.

It all began when Mr Mc-Cartney, 57, a former football coach, had a vision. Known as "Coach", he made his name when he took the Colorado Buffaloes, the state university team, to the No.1 spot in 1991 earning him the title of "Coach of the Year". He always claimed God was on his



Astronaut David Wolf holds a pack-et of fruit taken into space for Mir's crew, watched by Pavel Vinogradov, the space station's flight engineer. The American, who arrived on the US space shuttle Atlantis, is to

Mir crew reaps cosmic harvest

born astronaut, on Mir. Yesterday Solovyov, flight director, told a the two crews were busy loading televised news conference from Mismajor satellite, marking a turning supplies from the US craft onto the sion Control at Korolyov, outside point in the country's space

replace Michael Foale, the British Russian orbiting outpost. Vladimir Moscow: "For now, everything's programme. (Reuters, AP)

of schedule. We're very pleased."

Delhi: India yesterday for the first

time used its own rocket to launch a

Browned-off driver sues over hair-dye sacking

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

A LORRY driver sacked for dyeing his hair is suing his employer of six years for unfair dismissal in what lawyers call a landmark test of human rights in Japan.

Yoshiaki Nishiura, 25, lost his job in July when he fol-

a growing mumber of young Japanese of both sexes and turned into a chapatsu - a person with dyed brown hair. He had apologised and returned his hair to its natural black before being fired.

His employer, Suguru Yamaga. 56, who runs a trucking company in Kitak-Kyushu.

when Mr Nishiura turned up for work with the light-brown

in common with most of corporate Japan, he believes that the chapaisu trend blamed on America's influence — undermines company discipline, corrupts morale and implies a casual approach

maintain a professional appearance to make a good impression," he said.

Hisashi Ikeda, a journalist and social commentator, said: "Japanese firms expect all employees to look the same, and think the same. When you enter a company, you sign away your human rights."



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Chinese start to execute by lethal injection

IN BELLING

CHINA has secretly executed more than 20 convicts using lethal injection in experiments to find an alternative to the firing squad, a state newspaper has reported.

Officials were so satisfied with the results that China may stor using the bullet, the Liaoning Daily Weekend. available in Beijing yesterday, said.

Prisoners, relieved to be spared the firing squad, rolled up their sleeves for the injection and some even expressed gratitude, the paper said. Le-thal injection was approved by a criminal law that took effect on January I. China executed at least 4.367 people by firing squad last year, more than the total of executions for the rest of the world.

Lethai injection has been used 22 times since March under the administration of the Kunming Intermediate People's Court in the southwestern province of Yunnan. the newspaper said. Yunnan is the centre of a flourishing illegal drugs trade and executes many traffickers.

The runnan experiments were judged so successful that the method is undergoing further study in Beijing by the Supreme Court and the Min-istry of Health.

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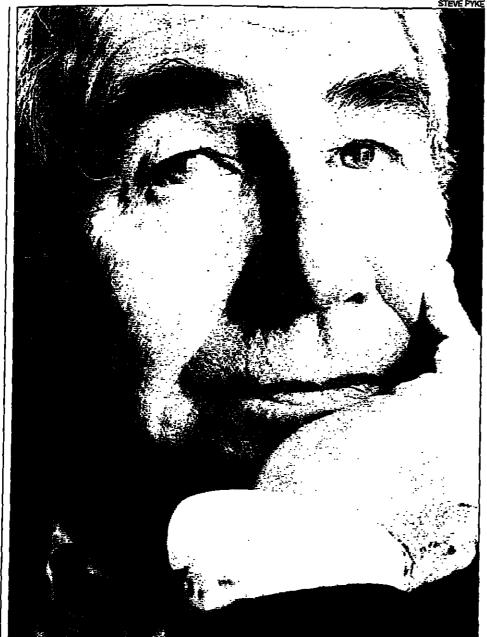
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Assault on intellectual 'impostors' of France

MODERN French philosophy is pretentious, verbose and often utterly meaningless, according to an incendiary new book which has provoked fury among Paris intellectuals and prompted a bout of introspec-tion that is intense even by French standards.

In a blistering denunciation of many notable and trendy thinkers, two prominent non-French scientists have come up with a simple but devastating critique: "We can demonstrate that if they seem unintelligible, this is for the good reason that they do not

want to say anything."

Impostures Intellectuelles
by Alan Sokal. an American physicist, and his Belgian coauthor, Jean Bricmont, takes on the exponents of structuralism, post-structuralism and post-modernism, and singles out such celebrated French writers as Régis Debray, the high-profile left-wing philosophe, psychoanalyst-mathematician Jacques Lacan. semiotician Julia Kristeva and Jean Baudrillard, the Libération columnist who most often describes himself as a thinker.

The authors of the broadside claim that by mixing pseudo-science with convoluted language, sociological theory and obscurantism. French intellectuals have pioneered a form of "intellectual terrorism" — daunting, super-ficially erudite and often quite unintelligible.

Deliberately obscure writing and the intellectual dishonesty that accompanies it is

Ben Macintyre reports from Paris on a Left Bank furore over claims by American and Belgian academics that French philosophers are talking tosh

coisoning a part of intellectual life," Messrs Sokal and Bricmont insist. They take particular issue with the misappropriation of scientific terms, and what they see as the tendency of modern French thinkers to lapse into "excess verbiage" and "wild imaginings".

Mr Sokal gained notoriety last year when he published a long, jargon-filled article in Social Text, an American university journal, and then announced it was complete nonsense". To bolster their case the critics quote from their targets circumlocutory

the axiom of choice associated with all we have put together for the poetic language, ex-plains the impossibility of establishing a contradiction in the space of the language of poetry." Mr Sokal, who teaches at New York University, asserts: "She has a vague idea of what she is talking about. but not much more."

effusions. What, if anything,

did Julia Kristeva mean when

she wrote: "The notion of

constructibility, which implies

M Baudrillard's bizarre and long-winded theories about "multiple refraction in hyperspace" come in for a similar



Lacan: under attack

space exists, as does hyperspace and refraction. But multiple refractions in hyper space? ... It appears to be scientific, but in fact it is as pompous as it is meaning

less." Mr Sokal says.
The suggestion that some of the greatest minds in France are talking total tosh has prompted a predictable patriotic riposte. This is war.
The Left Bank is on fire. declared Le Figaro, while Le. Nouvel Observateur magazine devoted several pages to the row beneath the headline: Are our philosophers impostors?

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Mme . Kristeva muttered about "francophobia" and suggested the attack was pair. of a wider cultural battle. Pascal Bruckner, author and academic, defended his compatriots. saying that, while the Anglo-Saxon intellectual approach is rooted in "facts and information". French thinking is based on "style". Nothing is straightforward in modern French thought To quote M Baudrillard: "In the Euclidean space of history, the most rapid route from one point to another is the straight line but, in the non-Euclidean space at. the end of the century, abaleful curvature incluctably diverts every trajectory. Linked, no doubt, to the sphericity of time (visible at the horizon. of the end of the century like the Earth's horizon at the day's end) or to the subtle distortion of the field of

German Greens attack work permit curbs on foreigners

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

THE German Green Party has warned the Government against blaming foreigners for the country's high unemployment rate and seeking ways to prevent them working here, as outlined in a new Labour Ministry paper.

Debray: singled out

for heavy criticism

The party accuses the Gov-ernment of seeking a scapegoat for Germany's economic ills and adding weight to a widely held but naive view that foreigners take away jobs from unemployed Germans accepting intolerable working conditions.

"Germany has already had appalling experiences with this kind of theory." Marelouise Beck, the Green Party's labour market spokeswoman, said in reference to the Nazis and their use of

racist propaganda. Included in the report which was drawn up by Norbert Blüm, the Labour Minister, and leaked by the mass circulation Bild am Sonntag newspaper, there are plans to tighten restrictions on work permits granted to non-European Union nationals and to impose heavy fines on companies or individuals caught

illegally employing foreigners. In addition to the four million foreigners who live in Germany, a nation of 82 million, an estimated 250,000 arrive in the country every year in search of work.

The new plans, which are this week, will greatly affect fruit and vegetable harvests when farmers rely on Eastern Europeans to pick crops quickly and cheaply.

The most lucrative of these is the spring asparagus harvest. It is back-breaking work which must be completed swiftly before crops spoil, but brings a fortune for farmers at the end of a four-week asparagus eating frenzy in homes and restaurants throughout erful farming associations have frequently complained that long-term welfare recipients sent out to help in the fields are lazy and uncooperative and many landowners claim that, without foreign workers, they would be unable

the country. Germany's pow-

The Government claims that measures to curb the number of foreigners employed in Germany is necessary to bring down the 11 per

"We want to put a stop to this inflow with these measures," said Peter Ramsauer, a social policy expert for the conservative Bavarian Christian Social Union, adding that an economic upturn had had little effect on the labour

The fine for illegally employing foreigners could be increased from £35 to £178 for every worker, according to the new report.

Albright piles on pressure for peace

FROM JAMES BONE

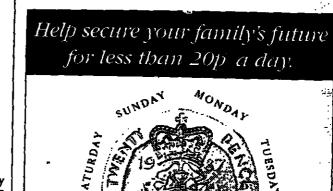
THE United States yesterday put pressure on Israel and the Palestinians to return to the negotiating table in an effort to defuse the growing tension in the Middle East caused by Hamas suicide bombings and Israel's plans for new building in Palestinian areas.

Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State. met her Israeli counterpart, David Levy, in the morning and the two were scheduled to hold a three-way session with Abu Marzen, the Palestinian negotiator.

Palestinian and Israeli negotiators were expected to restart talks in the eight joint committees set up to deal with such questions as Palestinian prisoners, free transit between Gaza and the West Bank, the construction of a scaport in Gaza, and the opening of an airport there.

Both Israel and the Palestinians made goodwill gestures over the weekend. Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, released \$17 million (£10.5 million) in frozen Palestinian funds and increased the number of Palestinians allowed into Israel. while Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, ordered a crackdown

on Hamas Islamic militants. Pushing for movement towards peace, Ms Albright, who visited the region this month, had breakfast yesterday with the foreign ministers of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman



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Gates: increase of \$400m every week

\$39bn Gates heads wealth league

By Tunku Varadaraian

BILL GATES has overtaken the Sultan of Brunei as the richest person in the world, according to the latest list of the wealthy published here yesterday by *Forbes* magazine.

The 41-year-old chairman of Microsoft increased his net worth last year by \$400 million (£248 million) every week. Surfing on the crest of a

stock market wave, in which his company's stock has more than doubled in worth over the past two months, Mr Gates's net worth has soared from \$18.5 billion in 1996 to \$39.8 billion at the latest

This surge has pushed him past the Sultan of Brunei, whose wealth is computed at \$38 billion. The sultan's fortune, however, was inherited. Mr Gates built his software empire from scratch.

The Forbes list - of the 400 wealthiest Americans - listed Warren Buffett, 67, as the second richest person in the country. He s referred to as "the world's most successful investor", and is worth \$21 billion.

The upper echelons of the list are dominated by barons. Others listed are: Paul Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft, worth \$17 billion, at No 3; Lawrence Ellison, of Oracle Software, worth \$9.2 billion; and Gordon Moore, of Intel Corporation,

worth \$8.8 billion. Ted Turner, the media mogul, is in 28th place, but would plummet to 55th if he donates the \$1 billion which he promised recently to the United Nations.

The magazine predicted that Michael Dell, the Texan billionaire owner of Dell Computers, ranked 16th in the list, could be the "next Bill Gates". His net worth increased fivefold last year to \$5.5 billion.



FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME.

THE two Franciscan friars killed in Friday's Umbria quake were buried at Assisi yesterday amid reports that pieces of damaged art works, including a great 13th-century fresco by Cimabue destroyed in the disaster, are being sold on the black market.

The Pope, who has expressed his "intense grief" over the tragedy, sent Cardinal Roger Etchegaray of France — a leading candidate for the papal succession - to preside over the funeral of Father Angelo Api, 48, and Borowec Zazislaw, a 24-yearold novice from Poland who had only been in Assisi for a few days.

The two friars were crushed by masonry when a second earthquake struck Assisi last Friday morning while they were examining damage in the Basilica of Saint Francis caused by the first earthquake during the night.

Two art surveyors employed by the office of the Umbria Superintendent of Fine Arts, Bruno Brunacci, 40, and Claudio Bugiantella, 45, were also killed by rubble when the great vaulted ceiling collapsed. They were buried on Sunday, amid claims by their relatives that the authorities should not have allowed inspection teams inside the basilica while there was a serious risk of a second earthquake.

The Italian Government has set aside \$500 million (E312 million) for the relief effort in Umbria and Marche, and leading fashion designers such as Armani, Ferre and Santo Versace have also con-

extent of the damage to the basilica was known. But the Franciscans hope to reopen the lower church, which contains the undamaged tomb of the saint, in time for celebrations of the feast day of St Francis on Saturday. About 30,000 pilgrims are expected, and police are planning intensive security measures.

Antonio Paolucci, the for-

some weeks before the true

mer Culture Minister who is overseeing the restoration, said repairs to the upper church, where works by Giotto and Cimabue were damaged, would take months.

Police said they were concerned that tourists were picking up rubble and fragments of ruined buildings as souvenirs. All the churches have now been shut, with armed guards placed on the doors and gates for fear of looting. Services are held in the open.

The police said thieves were attempting to profit from the tragedy, and the going rate for a yellow-and-blue fragment of the destroyed Cimabue fresco, The Four Evangelists, was said to be £200. "It is being sold off like bits of the Berlin Wall," the Corriere della Sera newspaper said.

Giorgio Bartolini, the Mayor of Assisi, said he had wanted to close the centre of the hilltop town to visitors, but businesses had objected. About 80 per cent of Assisi's revenue derives from tourism, and it is Italy's fourth most popular destination after Rome, Venice and Florence.

The 28 celebrated frescoes Giotto on the Life of St Experts said it would be they are covered in dust and those used after the Second aged, and 40 per cent of the



the extent of any damage will not be known until they are cleaned. Sixty square yards of frescoes in the nave have been destroyed. Some are thought to be by the young Giotto.

The authorities have stepped up security to guard retrieved fragments. Restorers, many of them volunteers. are using painstaking, labour-

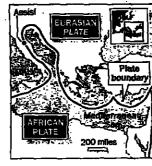
World War in historic cities such as Padua. "It is a labour of love," Signor Paolucci said. They are saving tiny painted fragments. But the frescoes will never be the same again."

Seismologists said the damage would have been worse if the lower church had not absorbed the vibrations. About 80 per cent of the

has been evacuated. Thousands of local residents, many elderly, are continuing to spend the chilly nights in temporary shelters. The homeless bitterly complain that the world is more concerned about the Giotto and Cimabue frescoes than about homeless human beings.

housing in surrounding areas

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British crash victim had just arrived in Indonesia

CORRESPONDENT IN JAKARTA

PETER WILSON, one of two Britons killed in the air crash in the Indonesian island of Sumatra last Friday, had arrived in the country only the day before and was on the plane because his intended flight had been cancelled, it emerged yesterday.

The remains of the second Briton in the crash, named by the British Embassy in Jakarta as Sally Horseman and thought to have been in her thirties, have not been identified. No further information about her has been released.

It is not known what caused the crash 20 miles outside the north Sumatran city of Medan, but an unofficial transcript of the last conversation between the pilot and the Medan airport control tower released vesterday shows that they confused the words left and right in deciding which

way the pilot should turn. His sight of the runway was hindered by the choking smog that has blanketed South-East a colleague, but the flight was Asia for weeks, but it is not cancelled. He then rebooked. known to what extent this contributed to the crash. The "black box" flight and data recorders have still not been

Mr Wilson, 42, was a freelance consultant who had been employed by PT Ericsson Indonesia, the telecommunications company, to supervise a building project in north Sumatra, a company spokeswoman said vesterday. She said: "Pete was due to fly to Medan on the Thursday with

The other person, having heard how full the flight was, said he could wait until Monday, but Pete said that someone had to go because there was so much work to do."

He is survived by his wife. Linda, a daughter, 12, and a son, 7. Mrs Wilson lives at present in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates.

The British Embassy said: "We believe Sally Horseman is among the three unidentified Caucasian women who are in the hospital in Medan. She was not buried in the mass grave this morning." The woman's relatives were so distraught by her death that they were not allowing any personal details to be released.

Thousands of people gathered at the cemetery outside Medan for the mass burial of the 48 Indonesians who remained unidentified from the crash. They were buried in a single grave with only male or female signs on the coffins. All

smog cleared over much of Borneo and parts of Malaysia and Sumatra after it rained yesterday. But it remained thick in many areas. Caltex, a joint venture between Chevron and Texaco, the American oil companies, began vesterday to evacuate its employees from eastern Sumatra.

WORLD **SUMMARY**

Algerian teachers murdered

Algiers: Militants descended on an Algerian village school near Sidi Bel Abes, 260 miles southwest of the capital, shooting or slashing to death 11 women teachers and the male instructor who tried to stop them as students looked on, witnesses said. The deaths were among 31 civilian killings in two weekend

attacks. Security forces killed 11 suspected members of the Armed Islamic Group, which is wag ing a terror campaign aimed at destabilising the Government. More than 500 civilians have been killed in bombings and massacres in the past month. (AP)

Thinning Russia

Moscow: Russia's population. in decline since the collapse of the Soviet Union, has fallen to 147.2 million, down by 277,000 for the first half of this year. Demographers are blaming the soaring mortality rate and low birth rate on the country's protracted economic crisis and a sharp deterioration in healthcare. (AP)

Koreans' plea

Seoul: About 500 North Koreans who fled their impoverished communist country are seeking asylum in South Korea, a Seoul government re-port to parliament said. The 500 were among up to 1,600 North Koreans living in hiding in China, Russia and document (AP)

£lbn drugs find

Tapia de Casariego: Police seized five tonnes of cocaine worth £1 billion, the largest drugs haul ever in Spain and the second biggest in Europe since 1990. The cocaine was found hidden in packets at the bottom of a 165ft cliff here in northwest Spain. A crane was used to recover them. One man was arrested. (AFP)

Fire kills 31

Santiago: At least 31 people, most of them children, were killed in a fire at a home for the Colina suburb of the Chilean capital when a burning roof collapsed on residents' beds, officials said. Six residents were missing and three more were in hospital with severe injuries. (Reuters)

Unhappy union

Brussels: Nearly a third of all marriages in the 15 countries of the European Union will end in divorce, according to a study by Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, which analysed 1995 figures. (AFP)

THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM An evening with

Stephen Fry

STEPHEN Fry, whose public face is internationally well known, reveals his private face in this Times Dillons forum, on Tuesday October 7. He will be in conversation with Nicholas Wapshott. The discussion will cover his days at boarding school, the beatings he survived, the love he felt, the misery he suffered, his time in prison and his subsequent highly successful career. The forum, which marks the publication of his autobiography.

Moab is my Washpot (Hutchinson, £16.99) will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WCI, at 7,30pm. Tickets are £10 (concessions £7.50), which includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. Subject to demand this event will be interpreted in sign language.

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"Almost four years ago the bridge was killed; this bridge with a soul," he said. "Since then we have dreamt of this day." The block of stone was



FROM TOM WALKER

IN MOSTAR

THE painstaking process of rebuilding Bosnia's most famous bridge began yesterday as Hungarian divers helped to retrieve a broken slab of arch from the icy Neretva river in Mostar.

The town's old Turkish bridge, built in 1566, was blown up by Croat forces in November 1993 as they attempted to isolate a Muslim pocket on the Neretva's west

Yesterday was billed as a milestone of ethnic reconciliation, but few Croats were on hand to watch Hungarian Nato troops manoeuvre a Heath Robinson-type barge beneath the bridge's foundations and the gaze of President Izetbegovic of Bosnia.

lifted by two cranes from the barge and placed on a podium, to applause from crowds on both banks. It is estimated that the Hungarian team will need at least six months to retrieve the reusable stone

from the 30st-deep river. Mr Jzetbegović's language had calmed since his last

speech in Mostar in July,

when he said there were

The makeshift bridge that now spans the Neretva "individuals among the Croats who have not only

disgraced the Croatian peoples, but mankind too". Little love is lost between the town's Muslim and Croat communities, and there was widespread surprise when Kresimir Zubak, the Croat representative on Bosnia's state presidency, turned up

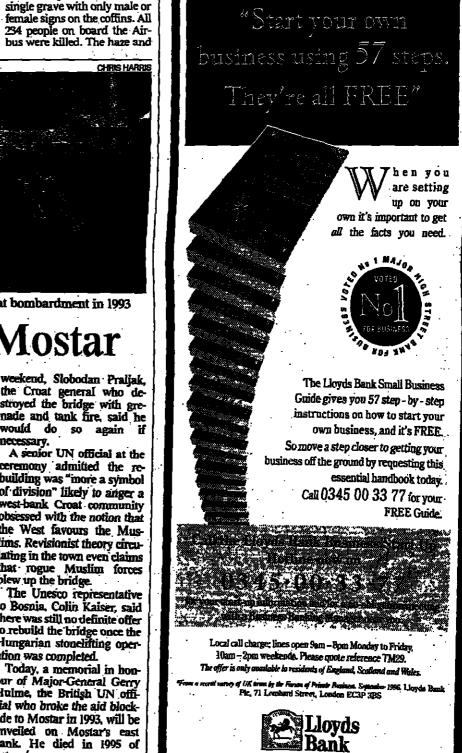
for the ceremony. At the

weekend, Slobodan Praljak, the Croat general who destroyed the bridge with gre-nade and tank fire, said he would do so again if A senior UN official at the

ceremony admitted the rebuilding was "more a symbol of division" likely to anger a west-bank Croat community obsessed with the notion that the West favours the Muslims. Revisionist theory circulating in the town even claims that rogue Muslim forces blew up the bridge

The Unesco representative to Bosnia, Colin Kaiser, said there was still no definite offer to rebuild the bridge once the Hungarian stonelifting operation was completed.

Today, a memorial in honour of Major-General Gerry Hulme, the British UN official who broke the aid blockade to Mostar in 1993, will be unveiled on Mostar's east bank. He died in 1995 of natural causes.



Diana: a prisoner of the Palace with the foreword of

In our second extract from the foreword of Andrew Morton's book, Diana, Her True Story - In Her Own Words, he tells of the Princess's highs and lows during hours of interviews and the growing tension as Buckingham Palace stepped up the hunt for the royal mole

talking about her life provoked many memories, some encerful, others almost too difficult to put into words. Like a gust of wind across a field of corn, her moods endlessly fluctuated. While she was candid, even whimsical, about her eating disorder, bulimia nervosa. and her half-hearted suicide attempts, she was at her monosyllable or simply unebh when speaking about her days inside the Royal Family, "the dark comprehending. Indeed,

ages", as she referred to them. Time and again she emphasised her profound sense of destiny, a belief that she would never become Queen, as well as her awareness that she had been singled out for a special role. She knew in her to travel a road where the monarchy was secundary to her true vocation. With hindsight. her words have a remarkable prescience. At times she was

amusingly animated. ing about her short life as a bachelor girl. She spoke wistfully about her romance with Prince Charles, sadly abour her unhappy childhood, and with some passion about the effect Camilla Parker Bowles had had on her

life. Indeed, she was so anxious not to be seen as paranoid often told by her husband's friends, that she showed us several letters and postcards from Mrs Parker Bowles to Prince Charles to prove that she was not imagining their relationship.

These billets-doux - passionate, loving and full of suppressed longing — left my publisher and me in absolutev no doubt that Diana's suspicions were correct. Nevertheless, as we were informed by a leading libel lawyer, under stringent British law. the fact that you know something to be true does not allow you to say it. Much to Diana's annovance, and in spite of overwhelming evidence, I was never able to write that Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles were lovers. Instead I had to allude to a "secret friendship" that had cast a long shadow over the royal

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I used the opportunity of

for Diana, the act of later interview sessions to fill in many of the gaps that were inevitably left by the first bruisingly honest and virtually seamless narrative of her life story. It took some weeks to appreciate just how powerful was her desire to speak out and, with hindsight, some of my questions were so obviously out of step with the reality of her life that it was inevitable

Parker Bowles: Morton saw billets-doux

many events I referred to in

my later questions, which the

media had deemed significant.

had little actual relevance to

her life. It meant that the

whole interviewing process

was very much a hit-and-miss

process, trawling through ex-

isting material in the hope of

hitting on a subject that might

spark a response and generate

ust as the questioning

was haphazard, so was

the process of gathering

the information. I was often told, at very short notice.

that Diana had a window of

opportunity to answer ques-

tions. I would then quickly

work out a series of queries

relating to her life, pass them

on and hope for the best. If her

mood was engaged and inter-

ested and the questions rele-

vant, then her answers were

revealing and penetrating.

Nonetheless, it was a draining

process for her, the sessions

rarely lasting much more than

an hour at any one time. If a

a fresh insight.

with only a discreetly placed notepad present to jot down relevant material. As I was working at one remove. I had to second-guess her moods and act accordingly. As a rule of thumb. mornings were the time when she was at her most articulate and energetic, particularly if that some of her answers were Prince Charles was absent. Those interview sessions were

> speaking with a breathless haste as she poured out her story. She could be unnervingly blithe, even when talking about the most intimate and difficult periods of her life. When she first talked about her suicide attempts I naturally needed to know a great deal about when and where they had occurred. I subsequently submitted a raft of specific questions on the subject. When they were presented to her, she treated it as a bit of a joke. "He's pretty well written my obituary," she said to the interlocutor.

member of staff was lurking.

the conversation continued

the most productive, Diana

On the other hand, if a session was arranged for the afternoon, when her energy was low, her conversation was less fruitful. This was particularly so if she had had

agreement with her husband. Then it was usually sensible to focus on happy times, her memories of her bachelor days or her two children. Princes William and Harry. In spite of all these handicaps, it was clear as the weeks passed that her excitement and involvement with the project grew, especially when a title for the book was decided upon. For example, if she knew that I was interviewing a trusted friend, she would pass on a scrap of information, an anecdote or correction, relating to questions I had submitted

While she was desperate, almost to the point of imprudence, to see her words appear before a wider public, this mood was tempered by a fear Buckingham Palace would discover her identity as the "Deep Throat" of my book. As the publishing date approached, the tension at Kensington Palace became palpable. Her newly appointed private secretary. Patrick



The Princess in tears in Stockport in 1992, on the day that the contents of Andrew Morton's book were made public

sphere as "like watching a slowly spreading pool of blood seeping from under locked doors". In January 1992 she was warned that Buckingham Palace was aware of her cooperation with the book, even though at that stage it did not know its contents. Nonetheless, she remained steadfast in co-operating with the venture. The tension was not entirely one-sided; I had been warned

In all, the Princess gave Mr

Yesterday. The Times ran

What people have never

"There were no camera

Given the unfolding trage-

dy of her life and her untimely

death, it is hard not to reread

her words without shedding a tear. Today her testimony

stands as an eloquent and unique witness before the

tribunal of history.

the world.

Fleet Street colleagues that Buckingham Palace was looking hard for my mole. Shortly after one such warning, my offices were burgled and files rifled but nothing of consequence, apart from a camera, was stolen. From then on, a scrambler telephone and local payphones were the only sure way of speaking to her confidants without worrying that the conversations were being

Jephson, described the atmo- on two separate occasions by bugged. This problem, how- ing questions for the Princess. ever, had been anticipated fairly early on. From the first there was a need to give Diana deniability, developing various ploys so that when she was taken in for interrogation by the Palace guards, she could categorically disavow any involvement with the book. The first line of defence were her friends, who were used as cover to disguise her particination. So in tandem with writ-

I sent out a number of begging letters to her circle of friends. They in turn contacted Diana to ask whether they should co-

operate. It was a patchy process. With some she was encouraging, with others ambivalent, depending on how well she knew them and how close they were to the true nature of the project. Many of those inti-mately involved truly believed

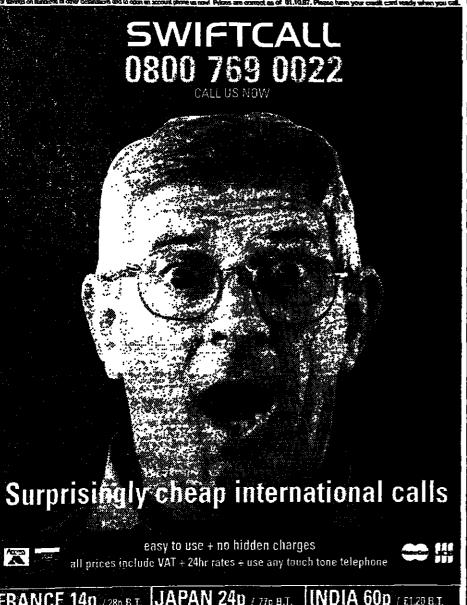
at the time. There was a sense that the dam was about to burst at any moment. Diana's friends spoke with frankness and honesty, bravely aware that their actions would bring the media spotlight upon them. As the Princess herself explained during her tele-vision interview: A lot of people saw the distress that my life was in, and they felt it was a supportive thing to help in the way that they did."

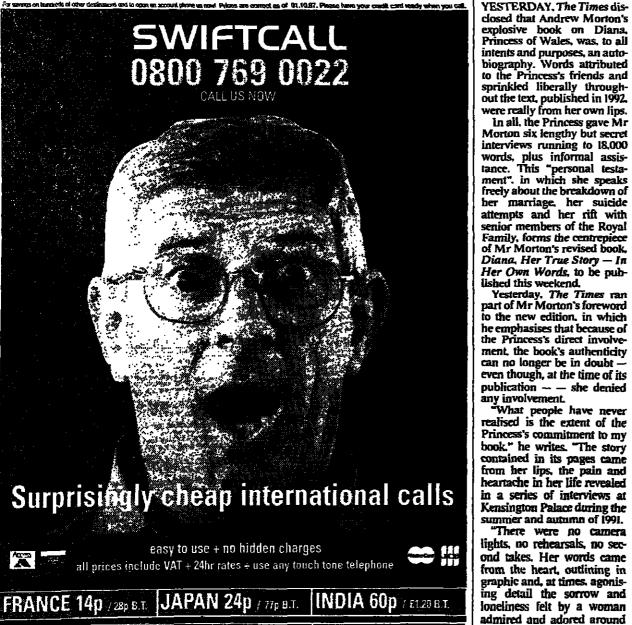
Her friend and astrologer. Debbie Frank, confirmed this mood when she spoke about Diana's life in the months before the book's publication: There were times when I would leave a meeting with Diana feeling anxious and concerned because I knew her way was blocked. When Andrew Morton's book was published I was relieved, because the world was let into her

As my interviews progressed, her friends and other equaintances confirmed that behind the public smiles and glamorous image was a lonely and unhappy young woman who endured a loveless marriage, was seen as an outsider by the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family and was frequently at odds with the aims and objectives of the royal system. Yet one of the heartening aspects of the story was how Diana was striving. with mixed success, to come to terms with her life; a transformation from a victim to a woman in control of her destiny. It was a process that the Princess continued until

s the project gained test came when the Princess read the manuscript. It was delivered to her piecemeal at any and every opportunity. Late one Saturday morning, for example, I cycled to the Brazilian Embassy in Mayfair, where the Princess was having lunch with the Ambassador's wife, Lucia Flecha de Lima, so that I could pass on the latest offering. Having been given the opportunity to write the story of the best-loved woman in the world, I was obviously anxious to know that I had fairly and accurately interpreted her sentiments and her words.

To my great relief, she read with approval her own words. which were liberally sprinkled throughout the text, either through direct quotation or inthe third person. On one occasion, Diana was so moved by the poignancy of her own story that she confessed to weeping tears of sorrow. She made a number of alterations, of fact and emphasis, but only one of any significance, a change that gives an insight into her respect for the Queen. During the interviews she said that when she threw herself down the stairs at Sandring-





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WORDS THAT CAME FROM THE HEART

ported yesterday that the Princess's involvement went beyond the granting of hours of interviews. She made changes to the text, supplied photographs from the Spencers' family albums, and even provided names and details for captions. She chose the famous cover picture by the French photographer Patrick Demarchelier. But all this was done in secret because she feared the wrath of Buckingham Palace.

Mr Morton portrays the Princess at that time as a "prisoner trapped inside a bitterly unfulfilled marriage, shackled to an unsympathetic roval system and chained to a wholly unrealistic public im-

surveillance - by bodyguards, photographers, the

Royal Family and their courtiers. Gnawing away at her was the feeling that "her life was a grotesque and implacable lie". She knew that her marriage was, in effect, over, and that Prince Charles had returned to his first love, Camilla Parker Bowles. But the royal establishment would go to great lengths, to conceal her husband's infidelity and dismissed her suspicions as fantasy and

She also feared that Prince Charles's circle would soon begin to discredit her as "irrational" — unfit for motherhood or to represent the monarchy. She had a "nagging fear that at any moment

paranoia.

"men in grey suits" at the Palace who wanted her to remain an "attractive adorn-" her intellectual ment to husband". "Like a prisoner con-

not commit. Diana had a crying need to tell the world the truth about her life, the distress she felt and the ambitions she nurtured ... " Mr Morton writes. "She felt that if she was able to explain her story to the people, her people, they could truly understand her before it was too late. 'Let them be my judge, she said, confident that the public would not criticise her as harshly as the Royal Family

demned for a crime she did

searching a full-scale biography on the Princess's life. She turned to him after he wrote a series of articles sympathetic to her cause. But with Prince Charles still living at Kensington Palace, subterfuge was necessary. The Princess was interviewed by an intermedi-ary, so that if she was asked whether she had met Mr Morton, she could answer

with a resounding 'No'." Mr Morton writes: "I submitted endless written questions about every aspect of her life. In return, she answered as best she could. Her words spilt out of her, with her barely pausing for breath. It was a great release."

The Princess coined her own nickname for Mr Morton. Noah, after an American newspaper pompously de-scribed him as a notable



who longed to set herself free

ham while pregnant with Prince William, the Queen was the first on the scene. On the manuscript, Diana altered the text and inserted the Queen Mother's name, presumably out of deference to the Sovereign.

Even though a number of Diana's close friends were prepared to go on the record in order to underpin the authenticity of the text, the Princess accepted that the book needed a direct link with her own family in order to give it a necessary legitimacy. As a result she agreed to supply the Spencer family albums, containing endless delightful portraits of the growing Diana many taken by her late father. Earl Spencer. One day several large red, gold-embossed family albums made their way to the office of my publisher. Michael O'Mara in South London. A number of photographs were selected, duplicated and the albums returned. The Princess herself helped to identify many of the people who appeared in the photographs with her, a process she greatly enjoyed as it brought back many happy memories, particularly of her

he appreciated, too. the fact that, in order to make the book truly distinctive, we had to have a hitherto unpublished jacket picture. As it was out of the question that she attend a photo shoot, she herself chose and supplied the winsome Patrick Demarchelier cover photograph, which was one she kept in her study at Kensington Palace, This shot. and those of her and her children which were used inside, were her particular favourites.

When the book was published on June 16, 1992, she was relieved that at last her account was out, but desperately anxious that her cover story would hold water. She had to be able to deny involvement when she was put in the dock by the Palace. It was a part she played with aplomb. The author and TV star Clive James fondly recalled asking her over lunch whether she was behind the book. He wrote: "At least once, however, she lied to me outright. "I really had nothing to do with that Andrew Morton book,' talked to him I had to stand by them'. She looked me straight in the eye when she said this, so I could see how plausible she could be when she was telling a whopper.

As a result of the necessary distance she put between herself and the book it meant that l, her friends and others, were effectively fighting her corner with one hand behind our back. In the face of the barrage of abuse and vilification which greeted the book's three central assertions, namely Diana's eating disorder, bulimia nervosa, her suicide attempts

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ad Prince William that appears in the Child of Achievement Awards annual



and Prince Charles's relationship with Camilla Parker with which the Establishment and their media acolytes first greeted the publication of my book graphically demonstratthe truth to the British public.

Bowles, it is an understatement to say that it would have been helpful if she had announced her complete co-operation. Indeed, the animosity, scepticism and sheer vitriol ed the difficulties of presenting In the months following that

not only altered the way the public viewed the monarchy and forced the Prince and Princess of Wales finally to address the ruins of their marriage, it also brought the one thing Diana had dreamt - hope; the chance of fulfilment, of freedom and of a future where she was liberated at last to be a person in her own right. In the past five years, partic-

ularly the last few months of her life, the world witnessed the flowering of Diana's true nature, qualities which would have remained buried if she had not had the courage and determination to tell her public about the reality of her life. Diana achieved that aim, and the public's verdict can be gauged by the mountain of flowers outside Kensington Palace and elsewhere, and the outpouring of grief that has convulsed not just her own country but the rest of the

hile the public's image of Diana astonishing transformation when her story was told. I don't think she ever truly thought through the consequences of her actions. As she said on television when asked that question: "I don't know. Maybe people have a better understanding, maybe there's a lot of women out there who suffer on the same level but in a different environment who are unable to stand up for themselves because their self-esteern is cut in two."

Once again, her instinct about literally thousands of women, many from America, expressed how, through reading about her life, they had discovered and explored something in their own lives. Her motivation was first and foremost a desperate cry for help, an appeal over the heads of the Palace who confined her, to the people who loved her. She wanted to make known to those people her true story, so that they might judge her worth for themselves.

She may now be gone, but her words are with us for ever. When I wrote Diana, Her True Story her testimony was used sotto voce throughout the text - in short, direct quotation or through third parties. One of the abiding sadnesses of her short life was that she never truly had the chance to "sing openly". If she had enjoyed a full life she would probably have written her own memoirs at some point. Sadly, that is no longer pos-sible. The testimony which follows is her life story as she wanted to tell it. Her words are now all we have of her, her testament, the nearest we will now ever get to her autobiography. No one can deny her

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Richard Cork on the young Rembrandt's violent biblical masterpiece, on show at the National Gallery. Plus other London shows

Blinded by a savage brilliance

Rembrandt's The Blinding of Samson. It hits our eyes like the flash from a bomb-blast, and the scene disclosed by the glare is almost too horrible to explore. But Rembrandt ensures that his titanic painting is impossible to evade. We find ourselves lingering in front of the canvas, appalled by the ferocity of the

On loan to the National Gallery from the Stadelsches Kunstinstitut in Frankfurt, this truculent image reveals the most disquieting side of Rembrandt's protean imagination. Executed in 1636, when the 30-yearold artist was primarily renowned for his portraits, it shows the seriousness of his ambitions as a history painter. Rubens, whose success he wanted to emulate, had already proved that the Old Testament story of Samson's downfall could be dramatised on the grand scale. But Rembrandt wanted to go further than merely echoing the mood of stealthy, candlelit treachery in Rubens's celebrated Samson and

The young Rembrandt had no time for classical decorum, and the Bible's account of Samson's blinding by the Philistines proved an irresistible challenge. He chose the moment when the violence was at its sadistic peak. Far from underplaying the assault, he made it as specific as possible. The composition bristles with fierce diagonals, all pointing inexorably towards Samson's face. The most thrusting element is the weapon held by the halberdier. He stands astride the foreground, pushing his thick, ugly blade towards the Jewish giant. Painted with a cursory roughness that matches his belligerence, he seems eager to administer the coup de grâce.

But fear as well as aggression can be detected in his wildly enlarged eyes. He knows that Samson was strong enough to kill a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. So his whole body remains tense, bracing itself for the possibility that the captive may throw off his tormen-

Rembrandt counters the soldier's stance by making the deceptive

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tion. Carrying the "seven locks" sheared from Samson's head, her arm juts forward in apparent triumph. His tendrils stream in the air like smoke from an Olympic torch, and her hurtling energy looks unstoppable. But why the need to run, if the operation's success is assured? The temptress's face, however, hetrays emotions more ambiguous than straightforward gloating. While allowing herself to smile, she glances back at her stricken lover with

Delilah only has to look at his right foot, flung out towards her like a mighty reproach, in order to gauge Samson's anguish. Naked and defenceless, it reacts in a spasm to the unbearable pain travelling down from his head. All five toes are bent forward, clenching themselves against the outrage. But he can do nothing to ward off his assailants. Far more uncouth than his handsome, sculpturally muscled counterpart in Rubens's painting, he topples backwards.

e raises his right arm in desperation and bunches the fist, as if ready to fell decisive blow. But another soldier manacles his wrist, and pulls the chain so hard that Samson's weathered skin bleeds. All he can do is flail, unable to stop a third soldier from leaning over the upturned arm and pulling at the captive's luxuriant yet grey-flecked beard. The chain-mail hand seems bent on tearing a hank of hair away, thereby humiliating his victim still further. His armour gleams invincibly in the light, contrasting with Samson's bare and vulnerable flesh.

No one can prevent him from fulfilling his cruel aim. He clasps his instrument of torture not at the handle but further down, around the viciously twisted blade. This must arise from the need for absolute accuracy. However forcefully he pushes his dagger deep into the right eye. he wants to function with surgical exactitude. The blinding must be irreversible.

Rembrandt spares us nothing in



The Blinding of Samson, painted when Rembrandt was 30. Later he moved away from its exclamatory manner towards a quieter, more introspective approach

his determination to show the deed in all its excruciating gruesomeness. As the curved blade hits the eye-ball. blood shoots up in leaping lines of liquid, red against the soldier's black armour. Rembrandt's brushwork, so free in the halberdier's limbs, here becomes grimly precise. He lavishes special care on the dagger's elaborate handle, carved into the shape of an oriental figurine. The sight of this bald, peaceful, Buddha-like form. gazing down the blade to the gory point of impact, only adds to the sense of revulsion.

Lines of anguish score Samson's brow, while two rows of yellow teeth are exposed as he tries to prevent himself from screaming. His mouth looks even more clenched when compared with the soldier on the painting's right edge. Plumed,

clothed, he raises his sword in an attitude of command. But the atrocity of the blinding startles him, and his mouth opens in an involuntary yell.

As an artist who depended so heavily on the health of his own eyes, Rembrandt must have regarded the act of blinding with utter dismay. That is surely why he was able to paint Samson's plight with such convincing insight. The outcome was so profoundly unsettling that it may even have alienated the influential connoisseur and collector Constantiin Huygens, who had previously been instrumental in fostering Rembrandt's precocious career. Realising that Huygens often admired violent subjects, the artist appears to have given his patron The Blinding of Samson and advised him to "hang this piece in a strong light, so that one can stand at a distance and it will

have the best effect". Huygens's response is not recorded, but the alarming impact of this canvas probably played its part in turning him against Rembrandt's work. Soon after receiving it, Huygens's interest

in his protégé cooled. For his part. Rembrandt turned against the painting as well. In later vears he moved away from its exclamatory manner towards a far quieter, more introspective approach. His work gained in profundity as he grew older, and yet there is no denying the macabre brilliance of this early showpiece. In its merciless light, so different from the perpetual darkness to which Samson is condemned, Rembrandt is brave enough to confront us with humanity's capacity for barbarism at full stretch. ● The Blinding of Samson, National Gallery (0171-839 3321) until Nov 16

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AROUND THE GALLERIES

☐ IN RECENT years it has become fashionable to suggest that, whenever two artists are married, the wife is inevitably pushed into the background. The matter does not arise with the Carlines, Richard and Nancy, who are at the centre of a new exhibition at the National Theatre, No doubt he is slightly better remembered because of his close friendship with his brother-inlaw Stanley Spencer and his writings on art, rather than his painting. In fact, she was the more passionately motivated painter of the two. On the other hand, it was through him and his family that Nancy (Higgins, as she then was) came in contact with Spencer and his circle, and the whole galaxy of artists which revolved round the Carlines' family home in Hampstead.

The show includes, as well as sundry Carlines and Spencers, work by Gertler, Ruszkowski and Carel Weight, but Nancy emerges as the real discovery. When she left the Slade in 1932 she went first to work in the costume department of Sadler's Wells, and a certain theatrical flair and colour pervade her work. Richard's work is more ana-JAMES CHRISTOPHER | lytical and intellectual; Nan-

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remains throughout moody and romantic. Olivier Lobby, National Theatre, SE1 (0171-928 2033): Mon-Sat 10am-11pm, until

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Robespierre the winner by a head

Nor conspiracy theorists there is a novel twist to Georg Büchner's cynical tilt at the last ten days of Danton's life. Whether by accident or design, David Farr's vigorous version puts one in mind not of the French Revolution in 1794, but of the ugly scramble for Conservative leadership after the Tory aristocracy was duly decapi-tated in 1997.

William Hague is here played by Jamie Newall's evangelical Robespierre; Ken Clarke by Breffni McKenna's bonhomous Danton. The duelling orators — one uptight and dangerously ambitious, the other affable and hung over — circle and knife each other from the safety of the soapbox. This last prop is the thematic key to Antony MacIlwaine's unusual set. Every wall has a soapbox or rampart from which the politicians shout



their prejudices like Greek demagogues. Indeed the entire audience is forced to sit on

It makes good thematic sense because the best bits of Büchner's documentary satire are declaimed in speeches: towering polemics delivered with fantastic fervour by Robespierre and Danton. Newall's Robespierre, not breaking sweat but picking pedantically at his ring finger. plays dirty and brilliant, appealing, like a brimstone cleric to Virtue, that no man can be greater than the revolution Danton, yesterday's man about to be tomorrow's headless entertainment, rouses

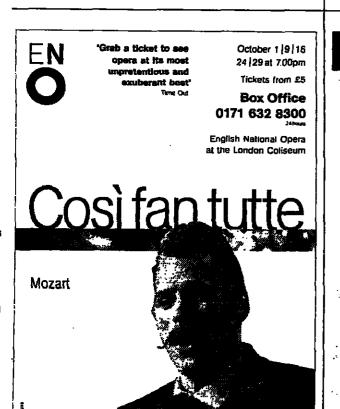
himself from his melancholy stupor to deliver firebrand speeches of seething indignation. It is breathtaking to think how young Büchner was when he wrote these verbal pyrotechnics: he died aged 23.

Although it is Danton's death, this is clearly Robespierre's play. Brooding like Salieri on Danton's popularity and on his loose and libertine ways with prostitutes, Robespierre unleashes a witch-hunt against the architect of the revolution. It is a fantastic performance: psychotic, com-

pelling ... believable. The peasant chorus duly concurs that there is no contest when it comes to choosing a good guillotining over a loaf of bread. My only real niggle is that the tempo falls flat in the jagged documentary scenes, of which there are far too many. The few that work are lit like oil paintings, the actors frozen

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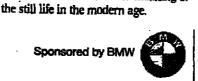
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LONDON CONCERTS: MacMillan's

new Vigil Symphony, and two top fiddlers, reviewed by Hilary Finch

ames MacMillan is certainly "Raising Sparks". That's the title of a festival of his music starting on Thursday on the South Bank. But it was the Barbican that lit the tinder on Sunday with the premiere of his three-movement symphony, Vigil, the last in a triptych of works commissioned by the London Symphony Orchestra.

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The Vigil is, specifically, the Easter Saturday vigil of the Christian Church; the Light and Water which name the outer movements are elements that pervade the liturgy. As is customary with MacMillan. metaphysical concepts inspire a raw physicality of musicmaking - and for the listener, when the music is at its best,

But the movements' titles could be misleading. The first movement lives in almost unrelieved aural darkness: an inchoate breath of cellos and basses, a shuddering of metal. There is a sense that we wait, and the waiting is long.

At last a fragment of the chant Lumen Christi is intoned by an offstage brass quinter. When they enter the auditorium, it is as if Verdi's Tuba mirum has met Strauss's Zarathustra head on. The Proclamation of Easter peals out deafeningly. before being placated by a celeste-voiced keyboard.

The final movement begins at the white-hot centre of the flame, though its heat is soon quenched in the aqueous element as the body of violins plays for the first time, high, sweet and transparent. A wild dance alternates with their textures until the one is thrillingly and confidently transformed into the other. The 50minute symphony's grand design, delineated with commitment by the baton of Mstislav Rostropovich, is powerfully experienced as one symbolising birth and rebirth.

A sizeable portion of the audience slept or winced, impatient for Maxim Vengerov's Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto after the interval. And who would not be impatient for Vengerov? His genius in renewing this work was perhaps the only adequate counterbalance to MacMillan's migni act of creation.

n the Philharmonia's Festival Hall concert, meanwhile, the 17-year-old Sarah Chang played Bruch's Violin Concerto as if proclaiming the existence of a new and revolutionary work; and Kurt Sanderling, who has just celebrated his 85th birthday, conducted Beethoven's Sixth Symphony as if absorbed in a

pastoral reverie of his own In the Bruch, the partnership between youth and age was compelling to watch. Chang has suddenly ceased to be a child, and the sheer physical strength and poise of playing in which she takes

palpable pleasure clearly in spirited both Sanderling and the Philharmonia.

Just as Chang's own incisive rhythms were controlled by Sanderling's robust structural sense, so - even within the most virtuoso passages -Chang was at pains to make chamber-musical contact with her colleagues. The fast vibrato of her Adagio was never indulged by rubato: time was robbed and paid back only as a function of shape and dynamic shading. The Philharmonia was at its

most beneficent in Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony. Sanderling's way was not to challenge overtly with a new way of hearing Beethoven nor, in the Peasants Merrymaking, to bring in a whiff of the silage. This was emotion recollected in tranquillity; the rural scenes gently yet vividly painted on the walls of an 18th-century hunting-lodge.

The title of the BBC Symphony Orchestra's new Festival Hall series. Three of a Kind, begs ries. Three of a Kind, begs plenty of questions about the relationship between Schoenberg, Berg and Webern. And, if Friday's opening concert was anything to go by, the performances, too, will break down preconceptions. down preconceptions.

Take Webern, for instance: he who, after abandoning tonality in his early songs, set about the task of creating purely instrumental atonal athematic music in his Six Pieces Op 6 of 1909. Nearly a century on, the best performances - and this was certainly one of them - make us hear the late romanticism purring behind the music. Was this a revolution in language, or was it the last, nostalgic obsequies for a The BBCSO performed the

original full scoring of the Six Pieces, and the sight of an orchestra the size of that for Mahler's Sixth Symphony dropping these miniatures into space seldom fails to recreate that sense of wonder which is at the very heart of Webern's music And Pierre Amoyal's performance of Berg's Violin Concerto emphaof a work in which the solo voice sings and continues to sing against all odds.

"Maeterlinck and Schoenberg: rays of God!" wrote Webern in a letter to Berg. The response of their teacher, mentor and father figure to the Belgian playwright's Pelléas et Mélisande is all too seldom heard. For Schoenberg's 45minute symphonic poem is everything one might expect Schoenberg not to be. This early work of 1904 out-Strausses Strauss in its epic narrative, and Andrew Davis and the BBC SO relished its vast Jugendstil frieze of jewelled colours and dark, coiled undergrowth.



Rosemarie Arthurs (Angele), Louise Crane (Countess Kozokov) and Timothy Richards (Rene) in Lehar's excellent The Count of Luxembourg

Carte blanche to entertain

nother new start for D'Oyly Carte, and a highly promising one a new home at Wolverhampton's cosy, welcoming old Grand Theatre (1894). about to be given an £8 million facelift; a new sponsor in Tarmac plc (long may they last); and, perhaps most significantly, for the first time an Arts Council grant, grudgingly made earlier this year ("to prevent the company from disbanding") and of uncertain size -February's £100,000 has since magically risen to £250,000. If all this helps the company in its declared aim to become the National Light Opera Company. all to the good: there is a treasure trove of repertory to be explored, from Offenbach to Kern to Rodgers and Sondheim, a repertory to which the national companies can scarcely do iustice.

The company has two great assets: its name, whose worth is incalculable in terms of goodwill alone; and, in John Owen Edwards, a music director with a real feel for what these pieces can yield. His orchestra was both small

enough for one to wonder afresh at the felicities of Sullivan's orchestration and big enough to pro-duce a fat, juicy sound for the company's first stab at Lehár. Both evenings were jam-

packed with solid musical pleasure. The Count of Luxembourg is surely Lehar's best piece after the Widow. The plot tells of a couple who marry for ignoble reasons (ready money and social status), pseudonymously and without seeing each other; they then meet and fall in love but, being married, can't get it together; romance and irony are adroitly mixed. It is not problem-free: the plot takes too long to get going and an unconscionable time getting resolved - some judicious cutting would not come amiss. But the big moments, especially the premonition of true romance at the wedding. are wonderful, and so are the tunes.

almost wonderful enough for the

number of reprises to which Lehár subjects them. Chris Monks's lively new production, in smart Art Deco sets by Kristian Vang

Rasmussen and shared with Jutland Opera, could do with a touch more astringency in the second act to temper the Mills & Boon content, and while it must be difficult to transpose a bourgeois Viennese idea of "gay Paree" in 1909 to Wolverhampton in 1997, I am not sure that an epidemic of crossdressing is the answer. The company badly needs a make-up expert on its strength, and the prima donna's wig should be taken out and burnt forthwith.

The romantic leads, Rosemarie Arthars and the promising young tenor Timothy Richards, sound good; Jacqueline Varsey is a highly skilled, utterly traditional soubrette: Gordon Sandison tackles the tricky buffo role

with enormous skill. Trimmed by 15 minutes, this would be a lovely show.

No such problems with Fenton
Gray's production of lolanthe, which uses James Hendy's designs from the last D'Oyly Carte production and is splendidly disrespectful in quite the best sense - even more so than Gilbert himself was. The fairies are acidtongued flappers, the peers all in their second childhood. The fairy joke is played to the hilt, and there are some other double-entendres that not even I had twigged before. My goodness,

Gilbert was a naughty old man.

There are some beautifully sharp performances: Gillian Knight, in fearsome Barbara Cartland maquillage as the Fairy Queen; Sandison taking the line about "the bar of this house" as his cue for a Mountararat in an advanced stage of delirium tremens; Charlotte Page a tart little Phyllis. Private Willis (Gareth Jones) is given some good jokes about new Labour. A lovely

RODNEY MILNES

JAZZ: Chris Parker revels in more than four jam-packed hours of a genius nearing his peak

OVER four nights in 1961, the legendary saxophonist John Coltrane, his quartet and various guests (chief among them alto/bass clarinet player Eric Dolphy) stretched the boundaries of jazz just that little bit further. The results have appeared before, scattered across a number of albums, but only now can the full experience be savoured on The Complete 1961 Village Vanguard Re-(Impulse! cordings

IMPD4Ž32). The set, which includes three previously unissued tracks, was recorded just as

First-class on the A Trane Coltrane was establishing his classic quartet, and shows the sive quest mode, often sounding downright anguished. Pianist McCoy Tyner copes manfully with both a tinny piano and his boss's frequent

great man exploring and experimenting. The four-and-a-half-hour album's high spots generally spring from the extraordinary musical rapport between him and drummer Elvin Jones. But Dolphy's many admirers will also thrill at his daring intervallic leaps and innovative harmonic ap-

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growing reputation as a major voice on both tenor and soprano. One of a number of contemporary saxophonists who draw as much from the easy elegance of the swing masters as from subsequent, more febrile developments in jazz, his previous Concord albums have been slightly too

spirit of his earliest Criss Cross efforts. But here his stellar band -

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guitarist John Scofield, bassist Dave Holland and drummer Jack DeJohnette - provide just the impetus Potter needs to show his class, as both skilful composer and cogent soloist.

Potter's compositions range from bustling, straight-ahead springboards for lively solo rounds through idiosyncratic tangos and blues to swooning ballads. But he combines vigour and grace throughout with a degree of cultivated assurance that brings to mind the likes of Joe Lovano and Joe Henderson:



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MOZART'S PIANO SONATA IN A, K331 Reviewed by Stephen Plaistow

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The opening Theme and Variations, of a deceptive simplicity, are a case perhaps of music which is too easy for children and too difficult for grown-ups. The theme needs the poise of a dancer and the declamation of the finest lyricist, and pianists who can assume those roles and at the same time suggest a child's naturalness and sense of wonder are not often come by. Edwin Fischer was one and his 1933 recording (Pearl GEMM CD 9481) sounds as fresh as the day it was made.

In the six variations most players opt for restraint and a nicely modulated tone of voice. Those more forward with the expression and offering stronger contrasts of colour and character achieve more. Ivo Pogorelich shows a willingness on his recording (DG 437 763 2) to make robust statements that is refreshing after the correctness and anodyne good taste of others. More consistently satisfying, however, are the versions by Mitsuko Uchida (Philips 446) 238-2) and Alfred Brendel (Philips 454 244 — 2 CDs), who make you feel the power of Mozart and the range of this sonata, which includes an eloquent expression of homage to Gluck in one of the variations and in the Trio section of the Minuet.

On a replica of a piano of Mozart's time Ronald Brautigam is also well worth hearing (BIS CD 838), but best of all (on the modern instrument) is Murray Perahia (Sony Classical SK48233, £15.49). Following Brendel's dictum that, for the Mozart performer, piano playing, be it ever so faultless, is not sufficient", he constantly offers visions of worlds beyond the purely pianistic. He relishes too the fun of the finale, that wonderful evocation of a Turkish marching band, and builds to a strong finish.

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Such was the art of the wealthy 19th-century naturalist. Edward Thomas Booth. whose legacy, locked in 300 glass cases, is one of the local attractions on show to Labour Party delegates this week. Such is the art too, protesters complain, of the political modernisers who have created the main show in town with a vision, brutality and obsessive attention to detail that would have surely made Brighton's great Victorian hunter proud to know them.

The Booth Museum was one of the first to show dead birds in lavishly painted likenesses to the fields, rocks and lakes where they once enjoyed life. It is a popular haunt for lovers of Victoriana, taxidermy and also of Brighton itself, where some of the great "bird stuffing" companies of the age had their headquarters. For that reason it is perhaps not the most cheerful place

from which to contemplate one's fate The defeat of as a common-or-Mandelson garden attender of new Labour conferwas a rare ences. But the curators have ambitious success of expansion plans the masses tery grants. They against may not expect too many visitors to the system give up their festival of congratula-

ever hopeful. After the opening days, they know that the fun of the con-ference can quickly fade. In the Grand Hotel bar there are only so many kisses that can be exchanged. In the Metropole foyer there are only so many election souvenirs to be traded and jobs to be sought in the new empires of patronage. The defeat of Peter Mandelson in the NEC election was a rare success of the masses against the system. But once Gordon Brown has delivered his last millennial aspirations and Tony Blair has been seen on the closed-circuit TV (only the most privileged can guarantee themselves a seat to see him in the flesh), the delegates may want to leave their 8ft wire cage around the Brighton

Centre and look further afield. in the Booth Museum they will find that at least only the birds are silent, stuffed and behind bars. Outside in the conference area, every wouldbe politician has to be so careful before they open their mouths that some might actually like to have their jaws wired in the permanent gape of a tree-creeper. This is the party of government now - or so they have been warned. Liberal Democrats can rant about euthanasia: Tories can plot to assassinate yet another leader; but new Labour needs the discipline of the great naturalists of old. Its snipe can snipe no more. The razorbill has to turn his razor on some enemy species instead of doing

what razorbills do best, attacking fellow members of their clan. The shoveller duck can shovel muck around its cage as much as it likes — as long as it does not drop any around the leadership. Grouse are welcome - preferably with a fine claret from the De Vere cellars. Grousers are not.

Of course, not all of those on

the seafront feel that their liberty is constrained. The backroom advertising executives and election strategists are basking in the Brighton sun and may never feel the need to sneak away for morbid museum tours. Their job is done and they can rest secure in the plaudits of even those whom victory has condemned to a sort of useless servitude. The result in May was a triumph that can never be taken away from the private pollsters and geniuses of strategy. Nothing that the politicians can do will decry their success in steering Labour through to victory. The 178seat majority will be forever on their CVs, helping them to win political accounts from troubled democrats (and not so democrats) all over the world. Nothing that ministers or delegates do from now onwards will make the slightest difference to their prospects.

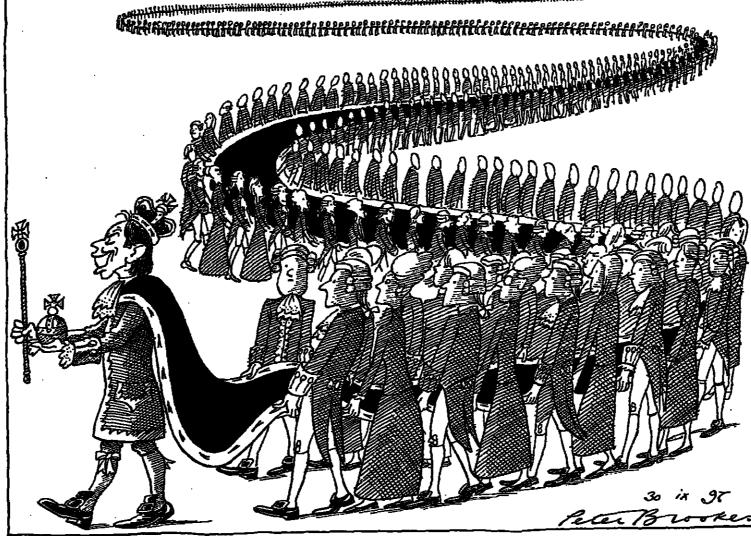
second group at liberty is made up of the spin-doctors who are still spinning and the spin-doctors who want to become full-scale politicians in their own right. Peter Mandelson, who will be back on top

long before he is out, is only the best known of this spetion to drop by. But they are cies. Their motto is permanent vigilance. They are never hap-pier than when catching, freezing and stuffing every cuckoo. jay, jackdaw or birdy troublemaker they can find. Theirs is the skill with the skinningpliers (acute or obtuse, depending upon the need); theirs is the art of deciding whether the former flying creature would look better with its left wing broken or its right, whether it deserves a plaster brain or woodchips. That is their art - and a successful modern party cannot prosper

without artists of their sort. Meanwhile the great mass of delegates, its sense of success intensified by the scale of victory, has to be given something to do. One job in Brighton is to talk to the thousands of bankers, corporate accountants, environmental pressurisers and lobbyists. These contributors to new Labour coffers do not feel happy if they

spend the week talking to each

The bolder activist can aspire to a constituency post on the new NEC or a place on a policy forum. But what is the victorious infantry to do? Going back to its constituencies and preparing for powerlessness is not enough. Like all victorious soldiery it must be kept for when it is next needed to face the enemy and kept content enough to stop it attacking its own generals in the meantime. Some leadership problems are new: most are even older than the birds of Edward Booth.



THE NEW LABOUR PROPOSAL FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT

Yesterday's agenda

caught myself out in a nasty little vice the other day. Not just a common one, like gluttony or impure thoughts: only a tiny minority of the adult population is even tempted to this perversion, and a great many of those are so far lost to decency that they make a living at it. My excuse is the time of year, for these are dangerous weeks and the fumes from Brighton are

very strong.

Reader, I confess it. For fleeting, shallow pleasure I fell into the eighth deadly sin, the sin of political analysis. Listening to Robin Cook on the radio, I found myself narrowing my eyes and saying: "Hah! I wonder what Gordon Brown will think of that! Especially considering what he said after that remark by Prescott about Peter Mandelson ...

The madness was on me. I no longer wanted Mr Cook to say something informative about the single currency or arms sales. I wanted him to say something which would enable me mentally to construct a wicked little Punch-and-Judy show in which members of the elected Government bopped one another with big clubs and squawks of "Yaroo!" and "Bastards!" I wanted the interviewer to prod and provoke and tease Mr Cook with suggestions that his colleagues didn't respect him, until he lost his rag and started spluttering. This is known, in media circles, as "setting the

agenda". Then I wanted to tune to the next programme down the line and hear a political commentator speak of "crisis", in the warm certainty that next day all the newspapers would be full of "unprecedented rows" and "splits". You see how low I had sunk. I didn't want the Government to get on with its job and tell us the truth: I wanted it to rip itself to pieces in public, for my

The guilt returned yesterday, when with nice irony the Today programme - one of the very groups whose mission it is to stir up rows between politicians - was itself the victim of outside stirring. In Paul Donovan's forthcoming (and horribly entertaining) history of the programme, there is a solemn analysis of the precedence of the current presenters. Hold on to your seats for the revelation that Mr Humphrys gets the "important" 8.10am political interview 67 per cent of the time when he is on duty, while Mr Naughtie gets it 47.8 per cent of the Why does the prestige of politics go unchallenged at the BBC when

there's a world outside Westminster?

time and Miss MacGregor 29.65 per

This is accompanied by some light-hearted remarks from the latter about "M. C. Piggery" and a certain colleague who "oozes testosterone" (a metaphor so robustly revolting that I recognise it with joy as coming authentically from Our Sue). Thence a rash of newspaper stories full of BBC people "denying claims" and "rebutting accusations". Very satisfying to see the tables turned: next time politician finds himself being goaded over the state of his relations with colleagues, he can snap back "Look who's talk-

The trio, and the BBC, have assured the stir-artists of the press that they all love one another, and I tend to believe them, more or less. But the programme, like our

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trade in general, has started enough embarrassing dogfights to deserve a dose of its own medicine. Take the fate which befell poor Austin Mitchell, MP, retold in Donovan's book. Writing on Labour policymaking, he jokingly quoted a party member who had asked what was the difference between Labour processes and those of Kim Il Sung, the Korean dictator. Picked up and quoted, by way of another newspaper's powerful spin and a bit of chortling on Today by Michael Heseltine, the remark was transformed into a story that Austin Mitchell had compared his leader to Kim Il Sung, which he never did: "So here I am, my career ruined, my future in the Labour Party wrecked. and all because of the Today

programme." This happens all the time in political journalism, and then we have the nerve to complain that politicians are dull and wordy and inhuman. If they are, it is our fault. We force them to drone banalities by keeping them in a crazy echochamber where everything they say is distorted into madness and

amplified by 24-hour speculation and extrapolation. We force them to speak in cheap slogans because if they try to admit difficulty or ambiguity, or say anything heartfelt or complex, we wilfully misunderstand. Look at

what keeps happening to Clare Short. The Today shenanigan, frothy in itself, sheds some useful light on this major absurdity of our time. Today is a pivotal part of our whole culture of reporting: its methods and values are taken up by television and print. Embedded in this culture, and evident in the "prestige" row, is a strangely unchallenged conviction

that the most important thing you can do is to speak to which will start the echo-chamber roaring. It may not advance the cause of

ing or good government or truth, but it "sets the agenda", and that is what counts. It seems not to matter if the agenda turns out to be complete

To go back in the programme's history - and incidentally my own it is interesting to find a view from the 1970s, when this culture first began to dominate. As a junior producer I used to find it hilarious to watch two grown men. Brian Redhead and John Timpson, eyeing one another's list of morning interviews with the jealous intensity of small children counting Smarties, Timpson, in affable retirement, now says with frankness: "He felt deeply about politics . . . I could never take politics seriously at all. But to keep the thing balanced [insisted on doing as many political interviews as he did, although most of the time I wasn't too clear what I

was talking about." There you are: even if you think it's nonsense, you must play the big boys' game. Never mind that there is a whole world outside Westminster, its reporting squeezed by nine-minute marathons of empty obfuscation;

by President Mandela as his "hon-

orary granddaughter", the Streatham supermodel Naomi

Campbell is set to move to South

Africa. Over the past few days she

has been viewing property in Cape

Town at the invitation of Mandela.

who wanted to thank her for her

Fund. "I do love it here." she

smiled coyly from the dining car of

the Blue Train, an African version

of the Orient Express. "But until I

buy something I can stay with my

never mind that the lay listener may be bored stiff with face-slapping matches and find more nourishment in some unsung reporter's exposure of solid fact. The primacy of the political interview, half clubby and half club-wielding, is unchallenged, and imitated one rank below by similarly ritual encounters with lobbvists and tub-thumpers. Nor does anybody seem to have noticed that when the presenters themselves are permitted to report on some actual event, they shine far more brightly.

Luckily, when my own time came to present Today for three and a half years, I was so young and idealistic that it never occurred to me that interviewing Cabinet ministers represented the path to enlightenment. At party conference time I was content to be the one left behind to cover the rest of the known universe. They did make me go to some EC summits during the Prime Minister's "Non!" period, but I never did grasp the fun of sitting around in smoky rooms until 2am waiting to be told absolutely nothing (in a great many words) by Bernard Ingham. Once I went to bed early and met the pondent next morning at 5.30. "What happened?" I asked, and simultaneously the producer said "Nothing" and the economist "Crisis!"

inally we sorted out a form of words to cover a crisis in which nothing occurs, and went on the air with it. But I never regarded it as a pinnacle scaled. As a reward for this female uselessness in the political arena, I got sent to China instead, and had the glorious experience of saying: "From Peking, over now to Brian in Brighton at the Liberal Party Conference." All around me baffled Chinese cadres, who had never seen a live programme and yearned for democracy, stood listening to the prattle from the other side of the world ("It looks as if Mrs Thatcher may be wobbling on that). Some of them took notes. Poor devils.

My hunch is that the mode will pass. Already there are signs of change, the recorded feature, the sound of real reporting, is making a discernible comeback. Once or twice recently there has been such a report without it being immediately followed by a brace of squabbling politicians. If I were Sue MacGregor would wear my 29.65 per cent proudly, like a badge of freedom.

Brown's poisoned cocktail

Anatole Kaletsky

says we mustn't be bounced into EMU

s Tony Blair and Gordon Brown bask in the adulation of the party faithful at Brighton, a possible clash between the next door neighbours at Downing Street is looming into view. At stake, predictably, are the issues that have poisoned the relationships between so many previous Prime Ministers and Chancellors of both parties — the explosive cocktail of sterling and

We may never know whether Mr Brown's political office was responsi-ble for placing last week's story about an imminent announcement on joining European monetary union. But the ambiguity of the Treasury's response — the story was dismissed as "pure speculation", but was not specifically denied — suggests that Mr Brown was not displeased to see these rumours circulating in the media and gaining the financial markets. What, then, are Mr Brown and his friends really up to? Let us

engage in some "pure speculation". First and foremost the Cabinet's Euro-enthusiasts are trying to create unstoppable "momentum" (a favourite term of new Labour politicos) for British membership of EMU. Although Mr Brown would probably like to join the single currency as quickly as possible, the precise date of joining is less important than the sense that membership is inevitable. Once this conviction becomes suffi-ciently widespread, it becomes a waste of time to debate the principles of the single currency project or the costs and benefits of Britain staying out in the long term. Inevitability has the further advantage of making the Euro-phobic Tories seem to be living on another planet — a party strictly for the lunatic fringe.

Last week's FT story fits perfectly with this plan. By introducing the idea that Britain might commit itself to EMU membership even before the next general election, the Treasury can hope to achieve numerous objectives. Until last week, it seemed likely that the new Government woud stick to a slightly modified version of John Major's "wait and see" approach. Britain would try to help its partners make EMU successful and would keep open the option of joining sometime in the indefinite future. provided the economic conditions were right and the project was going well. This seems to me to be still the most likely formulation for the Government to announce later this year.

fter last week's stories, however, expectations may have heen raised sufficiently for a statement like that to be represented as a "setback" for British membership of EMU and an indication of waning commitment to Europe. As a result, Mr Brown and his allies now have a new argument for pressing the Prime Minister for a stronger line. perhaps even including a commitment to join by a definite date, such

as 2002. The stories about early EMU membership also have obvious economic attractions for Mr Brown. By persuading the markets that Britain's exchange rate will be, say, DM2.65. Mr Brown may hope to undo some of the damage caused by his decision on Bank of England independence, which directly led to the uncomfort-

able strength of the pound. Unfortunately for the Government, however, the markets are not stupid, however excitable and credulous they may seem in the short-term. It may soon become apparent that Britain will not, in fact, join EMU before the next election, if only for the simple reason that Tony Blair is not mad enough to jeopardise his entire political career — and with it the entire future of the Labour party - by calling a referendum which he could never be sure of winning, however high his government may stand in its

own private polls. Once markets realise this, they will calculate that there is no chance of Britain joining EMU before the next election - meaning in effect 2002. From this they will conclude that nothing that is said or rumoured today about Mr Brown's views on exchange rates will bear the slightest relationship to where the pound will

be by the time Britain actually joins. Once this becomes apparent, the pound will rebound. In the long-run, therefore, the Treasury will have achieved nothing in its attempt to manipulate the market. If, however, the EMU rumours succeed in creating a temporary bout of sterling weakness, the Bank of England may well feel obiged to respond by raising interest rates, thereby adding to the pressure on industry, since these interest rate hikes are unlikely to be reversed promptly once the pound's

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strength revives. If all this comes to pass it will raise a fascinating political question. Will Mr Blair blame his Chancellor for having mismanaged sterling and damaged the economy by trying to bounce him into EMU? Or will Mr Brown manage to persuade the Prime Minister into his halfheartedness towards EMU is no longer sufficient and that the economie difficuties require Britain's commitments to be ratched up? Whichever the answer turns out to be, it will not contribute to the unity of the government or the warmth of rela-

tions between the two neighbour in

contribution to his Children's

Anna Ford: silenced

bellion against her bosses' plans to take a broom to the programme's production staff, has certainly made her mark on its history. In April, she was forced to apologise to her loyal audience after branding The Archers' Simon Pemberton "a shit", and last September she had a noisy on-air tiff with the then Chancellor, Ken Clarke. John Birt. the Director-General, publicly recanted on her behalf for the "shortcomings" of the interview,

Despite these milestones, no Ms Ford, Why so? Strangely, a BBC commandant would not allow me to speak to the presenter.

JASPER GERARD Downing Street.

Mandy swings

HE may not have a portfolio, nor a seat on the national executive, but he does have a hangover. Peter Mandelson was involved in an extraordinary scene at a party in Brighton on Sunday night.

In gregarious mood, Mandelson became embroiled with nightclub

bouncers during an altercation at a fringe party. As comedians Hugh Laurie and Lenny Henry enter-tained guests at bash at the Metropole Hotel, revellers, including Neil Kinnock and John Prescott, saw Mandelson, who had been dancing with Sinead Cusack. jump on stage to grab a microohone. Bouncers asked him to leave the stage. The minister refused. One said: "He was quite excited. Two asked him to leave there was a kerfuffle. He stayed and did moves from Flashdance."

Another remarked: "He sparked a stage invasion - 30 followed. It turned into a bunfight. Lenny Henry had performed Sex Machine with his band Poor White Trash. The crowd went crazy." Very decorous, I am sure.

Playing ball

unlikely figure of Gordon Brown. blades that comprise new Labour

To complete his makeover from lonely technocrat to laddish Lothario, Mr Brown will travel to Rome under the guise of official Treasury business before taking his place on the terraces. Flanked by government colleagues, he will briefly shelve feelings of Scottish kinship to cheer on England.

The Chancellor's association with the sport dates back to his days selling match programmes at Raith Rovers, so he could watch games free. He has since developed a weakness for Cowdenbeath, one of the most abject sides in Britain. He still favours a kickabout with

his adviser, Mr Ed Balls. "This is a private visit," growls an aide. "He'll be supporting England at the match, and having a chat with the Italian Finance Minister." Quite so.

AMONG the cheering crowds at • DEFEAT has not dampened the quixotic humour of Neil Kinnock. England's World Cup qualifier quixotic humour of Neil Kinnock. Surrounded by the blazered



in Brighton yesterday, he was bemused to find them all talking frantically into mobile telephones. It's the only time I've been in a room full of men where everyone is trying to prove they've got the smallest one," he sighed.

Mine kampf

AFTER a parliamentary career spent savaging CND, the defeated Tory MP Lady Olga Mailland is set to write a book about landmines to continue the crusade led by Diana, Princess of Wales. A single visit to Bosnia in January was enough to raise her hackles. "It was ghastly," she recalls. "I can't replace Diana, but someone's got to carry on the fight. I can rough it as well as the next man -I've parachuted in Canada, you know." Despite her concern, Mait-

land declined ever to raise the issue in the House. "I was too busy fighting the election," she says.
Unlikely to appear in the ac-

knowledgements page are Maitland's Conservative colleagues. My party behaved like absolute asses. I never said so in public but I told them in private. And as for Nicholas Soames laying into Di-ana ... what an old fool."

Naomi's off

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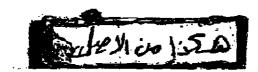
"You can't go anywhere with-out Mandelson knowing"

● AT LAST, sympathy for spin-doctors. Charles Lewington, who did his best to sell a poor product at the last election (the Tory party) tells me that John Major once said to him: "I know I have a difficult job but I wouldn't want yours."

Edited out

FRESH from allegations that they have short-changed Sue Mac-Gregor, those chauvinist rotters at the BBC have done it again. Next week they celebrate 40 years of the Today programme by releasing a compilation of less snoozy moments. But by some dreadful oversight (or snub?) the Beeb has not included any examples of Anna

Ford. Ms Ford, who led the recent re-





THE BROWN VERSION

Unpopularity goes with a Labour Chancellor's job

It is far easier to be a Conservative than a they are alarmed by his arrogance and Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer. Tory activists love phrases such as "prudent fiscal policy" or "bearing down on inflation"; to Labour delegates they resemble cough medicine. So Gordon Brown was forced vesterday to spoon out the sugar before he reminded the Labour Party conference that Britain needed "not pump-priming but prudence", "not dashes for growth but discipline". To the dour Scottish Chancellor, these might have boasts. To a conference audience aching for higher public sector pay and more money for public services, they sounded more like threats.

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The main sweetener came in the form of a half-promise to restore full employment as a goal of government policy. The two words are iconic to the Left, but Mr Brown seems to have redefined them so as to lose much of their force. Full employment now means "employment opportunity for all". In other words, the Chancellor aims eventually to make all people employable - but that is not the same as creating the economic conditions in which everyone can get a job.

Through its Welfare to Work policies, the Government may be able to address the supply-side problems of unemployment. It can help the unskilled to learn skills, and remove the financial disincentives to coming off benefit. If these policies work, the level of unemployment at the peak of a boom could be reduced to just a few per cent. But what Mr Brown cannot guarantee, as he seemed to be doing yesterday, is that full employment can persist in all cases. Unless the Chancellor can work miracles and abolish the business cycle, there will be years in which the unemployed, however well qualified, will be unable to find jobs because of a low level of demand in the economy.

There are some worrying signs from the Treasury that the Chancellor does believe that he can walk on water. Although officials are impressed by Mr Brown's intelligence, secrecy. All Labour Chancellors tend to be wary of the Treasury and try to create counterweights to it in party mythology, this is the department that has wrecked many a Labour administration. In the 1960s, Labour created a rival, the Department of Economic Affairs; in the 1970s, it put faith in the National Economic Development Office. Neither worked as hoped. So, instead of looking for external solutions to an internal problem, Mr Brown has simply decided to import his own men.

The result is that Ed Balls, his economic adviser, and Charlie Whelan, his spindoctor, have more power than any civil servant. Mr Brown uses officials for advice, but often takes decisions without them. As a result, relations are poor within the department. They are also poor with the Bank of England. Senior officials complain that they have to clear up the antagonisms that Mr Brown leaves in his wake.

But there is no doubting his ability, or the confidence invested in him by the Prime Minister. So far Mr Brown has managed to deliver a skilful Budget and win plaudits from the City. Given how suspicious financial markets tend to be of Labour administrations, the equanimity with which this one has been received owes much to Mr Brown's competence.

Harder decisions, inevitably, lie ahead. For this year and next, the Chancellor is bound by his manifesto commitment to the last Government's spending plans. This may infuriate and disappoint his supporters, but it is at least an untrumpable excuse for resisting public sector profligacy. By next year, the pledge will have run out and the deficit should be much smaller. Then Mr Brown will have to make invidious choices. Does he reward teachers or nurses? Does he cut taxes or raise spending? Whatever he decides, a standing ovation at conference is likely to elude him once more.

SET IN STONE

Classical architecture and concrete do not mix

The Ancient Italians well knew the violence of nature. They may not have known about tectonic plates or the geological fault that runs across the centre of Italy through Dalmatia, Turkey and into Iran. But they saw many a fine Roman building in ruins, and knew that unless their churches and cathedrals, towers and palaces were anchored firmly to the ground and able to withstand huge lateral forces, they would crack and collapse whenever the ground moved.

The earthquake that devastated Assisi at the weekend is a tragedy not only for the relatives of the victims and for those who lost their homes but for Christians and art lovers around the world. The damage to the 13thcentury basilica has endangered the masterpieces by Giotto, Cimabue, Cavallini and other painters who laid the foundations of Western art. Luckily most of Giotto's 28 frescoes appear to have survived; but art restorers now face a mammoth task to piece together the myriad fragments strewn across the damaged buildings.

The Italian Government has set aside \$500 million to help the striken area. But as Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, admitted, far more will be needed. Restoration of the art and ancient buildings alone will cost at least that much. Art lovers, foundations and Italy's leading companies are ready to help. But some have added a condition that does not augur well for swift action. In view of the State's incompetence verging on outright criminality in administering the funds collected to make good the damage after the Friuli earthquake in 1976, companies are insisting that they will contribute only if they can have a hand in the running of the restoration programme. Otherwise, they say, inertia, squabbling and even embezzlement will ensure that neither the homeless are housed nor the art conserved. Other recriminations are likely to follow.

Experts are already accusing the Government of failing to pass on warnings of seismologists. More controversial is the accusation that modern restoration is responsible for much of the damage and may have put other historic buildings at risk, including the great dome of Brunelleschi's cathedral in Florence. Experts have condemned the use of reinforced concrete in place of wooden beams and joints as this changes the structure's ductility and stiffness. It is simply incompatible with older materials. They point out that earthquake damage is unpredictable, and depends on local site conditions: how much soil conditions amplify or attenuate vibrations, and how much later alterations have destroyed a building's original organic unity.

Italy, on the whole, has a good conservation record, although perhaps too keen to follow the latest fashion in engineering techniques. Rome is host to the International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property. The important 1964 Unesco charter on restoration guidelines was drafted in Venice and the two main conservation principles - the minimum amount of intervention and the maximum reversibility - are now generally accepted. They should be the basis for the painstaking inspection that must now be made of the damaged buildings in the Assisi region and those where inappropriate restoration might have endangered the heritage. The architects of those buildings that have not collapsed must have got something right for some reason. To ignore their materials and designs would be foolish indeed.

NOTHING SACRED

Churches, sadly, must learn to protect themselves

Those dedicated to the salvation of souls have, alas, increasing reason to concentrate on their own protection. The theft from St Juliot's Church near Boscastle in north Cornwall has attracted considerable attention because of the connection that particular place has to Thomas Hardy. Without this distinctive literary link, the attack might have passed barely noted and unreported. There have been 20 such assaults in Cornwall alone recently. Across Britain, one in three churches annualty will witness some form of arson, theft or vandalism.

This incident was typical of the wider pattern. The church was unlocked and unmanned at the moment of violation. The thieves snatched any item of value and cared little for the damage that might be done in the process. It was some considerable time before their activities were discovered. The prospect of an arrest appear slim. The church and community have been devastated by a crime so distasteful that most

people find it incomprehensible. The cost of all this is - in several senses considerable. The ordinary church can afford some insurance but normally only enough to replace a stolen chalice with an inexpensive reproduction. An enormous slice of our national heritage is at risk. Although most thefts are considered "opportunist", there is increasing evidence of an international trade in religious artefacts. More churches, especially in rural areas,

will be forced to follow the established trend and lock their doors to outsiders. Spiritual and cultural life will suffer as a consequence.

The primary problem here is the behaviour of man and the courts treat should such crimes with unusual severity. Distasteful as it undoubtedly is, however, modern churches must change their arrangements to guard themselves as best they can. The typical parish church would like to remain both open and secure. This requires substantial organisation. Items of value must. unfortunately, be locked away but that should not trouble visitors. Some security equipment can be used but a site of worship should not seek to cover itself in cameras like a contemporary shopping centre.

The best remedy also lies with man not modernity. A number of "church watch" schemes have been established, modelled on the neighbourhood watch programmes. The presence of even a solitary volunteer can have a dramatic impact on the crime rate. The operation of such a rota does create a considerable strain especially in remote locations. It also recalls the original purpose and practice of churchwardens. Until this century, their leading task was to preserve the sanctity of all moveable property within churches. Only after that role appeared redundant did this body take on rather broader ecclesiastical duties. It is a sad reflection of our times that such a spiritual security squad requires reinvention.

TERS TO THE EDITOR

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to minimum wage

From the Director of the Low Pay Unit

Low Pay Unit

Sir, There is no logical reason for
exempting the under 25s from the national minimum wage freports. September 25 and 26).

Such a move is out of line with the British Chamber of Commerce survey on minimum wages, published in the same week as your reports, slawing that a majority (5) per usual believed that 18 would be the most appropriate age at which to introduce it and that 42 per cent preferred 21.

Despite the DTI argument that a national minimum wage would act as a disincentive to young people to stay in education and training, we believe that it would encourage employers to invest in training young people in-stead of using them as substitutes for cheap labour.

The DTI also argues that a minimum wage would restrict employment opportunities for young people looking for jobs. This is the "pricing-yourself-out-of-a-job" argument used by the previous Government to justify the abolition of wage protection for the under this in 1086. under-21s in 1986.

Since then, young people's pay has sharply fallen compared to the average: in 1987 the lowest-paid men aged 18-20 earned 32 per cent of adult male wages. Ten years later this has fallen to 27 per cent, a loss of £19.22 a week. For the lowest-paid women, the loss is £28 a week. There is no evidence of a commensurate increase in jobs.

Excluding young people from this protection will simply lead to a downward spiral in wages, increasing dependency and decreasing mobility. thus cutting opportunities to find employment. The evidence was as clear in 1986 as it is now: young people need the protection of a minimum wage even more than other workers because they are more vulnerable to exploitation.

Yours etc. BHARTI PATEL Director. Low Pay Unit. 27/29 Amwell Street, EC1. September 26.

From the Chair of the British Youth Council

Sir, Young people will be appalled to hear that their efforts will count for less in building the new economy. In recent years. Government policies have consistently asked young people to put more in to society but take out

The loss of income support for 16 to 17-year-olds, together with the introduction of lower housing benefit rates and jobseekers allowances for under-25s, have penalised the young purely because of their age.

In addition, young people have ex-perienced frozen training allowances, falling grant levels and the introduction of student loans. Their wages have fallen considerably compared to the national average. Between 1985 and 1995 average pay for young people fell by up to 12 per cent of the national wage. At one point, moreover. 16 to 24-year-olds accounted for one in three of those earning £2.50 per hour

Attemots to introduce lower rates or exemptions from the minimum wase on the basis of age rather than experience or contribution spring from ignorance of young people's lives and circumstances. Simply because they are young does not mean they are automatically less well trained, qualified or capable of doing the job than someone else or that they can afford to live

How ironic if the new Government should offer young people a new deal on the one hand while taking it away with the other.

Yours sincerely, M. WILSON, British Youth Council. 65-69 White Lion Street, NL September 25.

Public sector pay

From Lord Caldecote

Sir, Her Majesty's ministers and almost all doctors, nurses and teachers in the public sector are underpaid in relation to the importance of the work they do (letters, September 22 and 23). But it is clearly impracticable to correct this by an immediate increase. Nevertheless, all should be treated alike, and there is no reason why ministers should receive preferential treatment, compared to the other public servants.

The best way to put right this anomaly is to use established pay review bodies, without coercion by the Government, to determine what increase in pay above inflation is required for each category and then to implement it over, say, a three-year period. This procedure would fairly resolve a difficult but pressing problem.

The money must be found, without detriment to the service provided, through an increase in taxation if necessary.

Yours faithfully, CALDECOTE, House of Lords. September 23.

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Right of under-25s. Integrity of party system questioned

From Mr Gavin Lyall

Sir, Lagret with most of Mr Michael Pinto Charlinsky's argument against proportional representation (Britain's removal van democracy", September 25), particularly when he warns that The legal status of parties will need to be embedded in public law." I would far rather that parties. and those who control them (who are not always those who lead them) did not have this extra status:

The first-past-the-post system leaves many voters unirepresented — such as Tories in Scotland — but only in party-defined terms. PR will see that these parties are represented, but at the cost of putting in members for whom almost nobody may have voted: bypassing the voters is an obvious advantage to the parties, less so to the

Since successful companies and other organisations manage without the simplistic choices and sudden reversals of the party system, I would like to see formal party structures and dogmas weakened. Here I part company with Mr Pinto-Duschinsky.

He defends general elections as giving voters power to "throw the rascals out". Agreed, but waiting for this surely delays changes and makes them

more abrupt when they come. I would rather throw out general elections altogether. Thus, once members had been elected, they would not face reelection for five years, come what

Once election dates were scattered across a five-year calendar, voters could give early warning of discontent by not re-electing members who sup-ported certain policies. This could not be dismissed as a "by-election aberra-tion", because it would be the only sort of election we would have.

Thus we might get, in a country that prides itself on moderation and gradualism, early and gradual changes of policy rather than the melodrama of a single election night. Moreover, it should avoid the virtual paralysis we saw in Government for at least a year prior to the May I election.

Such a change would re-empower individual MPs, allowing them to change their minds without "betraying the principles of the party" - a phrase that seems to me as alien to democracy as proportional representa-

without leave. Defence counsel should

put their case concisely and leave it. There is absolutely no room for repeti-

tion, sarcasm, offensive intonation or

But that does not mean that cross-

examination must be confined arbi-

trarily to a few cursory questions.

There will be cases where, courteously

but plainly, an advocate must probe

the legitimate issues. That cannot be

Today, judges are much more alive

to the interests of the victim, by train-

ing and by the effect of public opinion.

Let improper cross-examination al-

ways be curtailed, but never forget the

balance which must be struck where it

is one word against another. But I back all possible moves to limit a vic-

Sir, The argument by Alan Moss of

the Police Superintendents Associ-

ation that the criminal justice system

is meant to operate on behalf of vic-

tims threatens the very principles of

Justice means weighing competing

claims about the truth - and subject-

ing them to rigorous scrutiny. If the

principle of innocence until guilt is

proven is to be protected, then com-

plaints must be treated as unproven

ers, subject to regulation. That - not

mere access to the airwaves - is the

privilege for which it pays the Trea-

sury. Additional taxation on other

channels, including Channel 4 or the

BBC (which Mr Bragg suggested to

the recent Royal Television Society

Convention at Cambridge) would im-

pact directly on the viewing public who would pay the real price through

reduced programme range and qual-

The final proposition, that ITV is the beacon for British television, is ex-

traordinary: a more detached observ-

er might be forgiven for detecting a

narrowing of range, with Mr Bragg's

own excellent South Bank Show now

clinging to the margins of the sched-

ule. A strong, committed public service sector, free from shareholder

pressure, is an essential guarantee of

choice and quality in the future. This

exists in the shape of the BBC and

Channel 4. As for ITV, it is still highly

profitable and needs no subsidy to

until the conclusion of the trial.

SARA HINCHLIFFE,

in the Social Sciences.

University of Sussex,

September 23.

Graduate Research Centre

Falmer, Brighton, Sussex.

Bar Public Affairs Committee),

tim's ordeal.

(Chairman.

September 23.

justice.

Yours faithfully,

NIGEL PASCOE

3 Pump Court, EC4.

done always in a few minutes.

Yours faithfully, GAVIN LYALL 14 Provost Road, NW3. September 25.

Protection of witnesses in rape cases

From Ms Sally Millard

Sir, There are two important grounds for opposing the introduction of screens to protect the witness in a rape case (report, September 18; letters, September 23).

First, introducing a barrier between the main witness and the rest of the court will undermine the ability of the defendant to carry out a thorough cross-examination. It will also prevent the court from being able to place the words of the witness in context.

It is vital that both the defendant and the jury are able to see the expression on the face of the witness when she answers the questions put to her. We all know that it is easier to recognise whether we are being told the truth when we see someone in person

than when we talk on the telephone. Second, it is insulting to rape victims to suggest that they are too weak to face the defendant in court and put their case. Screens are used to protect child witnesses, who are rightly seen as less capable than adults. If we accept that women need to be treated like children in court, how long before this principle is extended to other areas of our lives?

Yours faithfully, SALLY MILLARD. 16 Lingfield Hill, Leeds, West Yorkshire. September 24.

From Mr Nigel Pascoe, QC

Sir. Chief Superintendent Moss (letter, September 23) is wrong if he thinks that I, or indeed any responsible barrister, hold the slightest brief for bullying cross-examination of wit-

I loathe the spectre of traumatised victims and I reject any implication that barristers, in trying to do their duty, do not care, or worse, manoeu-

vre to cross-examine on past history

Funding of ITV From the Chief Executive of the Producers Alliance for Cinema and Television

Sir. In his article "Paying the price of the TV revolution" (September 22), Melvyn Bragg argues that ITV is facing imminent decline because of intensifying competition and the strain of its programme obligations. He wants IIV's self-imposed bid payments to the Treasury (now under review) to be reduced and he wants the other commercial channels to make up the difference.

Lamenting the end of the commercial monopoly which made ITV "rich and uniquely privileged". he over-looks its growth since then. In 1993, the first year of the new licences, its profits were £185 million. Last year they had soared to £432 million. Yorkshire Television, one of the highest bidders, saw its share value rise over those four years from £55 million to £700 million. Far from a bleak future being foretold by the "logic of the graphs", there has been a continuing appetite for takeovers in the sector by owners who are renowned for their commercial acumen.

ITV has the overriding responsibility to produce profits for its sharehold-

prominence you gave to the picture of

the models Kate Moss and Jade

Jagger both smoking digarettes

The effect of this photograph will be

to endorse to many teenagers that

cigarettes are fashion accessories, and

will probably damage the efforts

being made by health promotion.

teams to decrease smoking in this age

Cowbridge, South Glamorgan.

Smoke signals

From Dr Mary Webb

(September 27).

Yours faithfully.

MARY WEBB.

Pictor House.

Lianblethian,

group.

Drink and health

From Mr Jon Wynne-Tyson

remain so.

Yours sincerely.

Chief Executive,

September 26.

JOHN WOODWARD,

Producers Alliance for

Cinema and Television,

45 Mortimer Street, Wl.

Sir, I was dismayed to see the Sir. Alcohol's principal victims are not those who choose to risk their own health by taking a drug that suppresses the need for the moderation that Dr Stuttaford advocates (letters, September 20, 25), but broken families. the accident victims seen daily in every major casualty department, and the millions who suffer from the crimes, carelessness and quelled conscience of that vast spread of humanity that does not subscribe to his genteel rules for civilised social drinking.

> Yours sincerely. JON WYNNE-TYSON. Paddocks, Day's Lane, Fontwell, Arundel, West Sussex. September 25.

Red Cross plan for 'neutral' emblem

From the President of the International Committee

of the Red Cross Sir, Further to your report (September 22, later editions: letter, September 29) that the International Red Cross may scrap its emblem and replace it with a "culturally neutral" diamond logo, it is important to be clear about the

issues involved. The red cross and red crescent are currently used around the world both as a protective symbol in wartime and as the identifying emblems of national and international humanitarian organisations. Tragically, in many of today's conflicts the emblems are nei-

ther understood nor respected. The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement will shortly be considering six different proposals to address these issues. These include proposals to introduce a new neutral, protective emblem for use in time of armed conflict, and to permit the recognition of national organisations using other identifying emblems. The objectives are clear to ensure the best possible protection for the innocent victims of war and to ensure that our international movement, based on the worldwide value of humanity, is truly

universal. Any solution must clearly take account of the emblems currently in use. There is no plan to end the use of the emblem or name of the red cross or the red crescent by the humanitarian organisations of our movement. The red cross is an emblem which L. and the ICRC delegates working around the world to protect victims of armed conflict, wear with pride.

Yours sincerely, CORNELIO SOMMARUGA, President, International Committee of the Red Cross. 19 Avenue de la Paix, CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland. September 29.

A-level lit crit

From Miss Angela Huth

Sir, In his letter of September 24 supporting the current procedure of going into A-level English exams armed with the relevant texts, Mr A. A C. Barnard referred to the memorising of quotations as a "cumbersome inhibition" [see also letters, August 20, 29; September 12, 17, 24]. It was no such thing in my day, when this dubious new method would

Surely students taking A-level English still want to learn passages by heart: after all, it's generally believed we remember best what we learn

when we are young.
As one who loved the old-fashioned business of memorising, I can only hope the current method of takingthe-text-in does not mean future generations of students will be encouraged to forgo that inestimable plea-

Yours faithfully. ANGELA HUTH, Pullens End. Pullens Lane, Headington, Oxford. September 25.

From Dr James Roberts

Sir, Is it not time to end the "A-level lit crit" correspondence, which started with a discussion of a candidate's essay on Candide?

We should all realise that the educational establishment has arranged everything for the best, in this best of all possible worlds. And at this time of the year there is plenty of work to do in the garden. Yours

J. ROBERTS, Wall Farm. Elmsett, Ipswich, Suffolk. ra_software@compuserve.com September 24.

All pulling together? From Mr Bill Cairns

Sir, Those "little Englander" readers who have been expressing a slightly hysterical reaction to Scottish and Welsh devolution on your letters pages recently must have derived enormous comfort from the report (September 22) of the sinking of the Oxford and Cambridge University rowing crews in the Rio Negro in Brazil

From your reference to "England's Olympic fours" it appears that England has no need of devolution to be admitted to the Olympics in its own

Yours faithfully. BILL CAIRNS. Little Linnburn. Shandon, Dunbartonshire. cairnsbrow@aol.com

September 23.

Giving of their best

From Mr David Townley

Sir, Sporting effort is often measured in percentages these days, both by participants and commentators - 110 per cent, 150 per cent and 200 per cent being the most common.

My own favourite is 100 per cent but this now sounds rather as if one is swinging the lead.

Yours faithfully, DAVID TOWNLEY. 92 Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Surrey. September 29.





COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 29: Miss Alma Pawson
was received by The Queen this
evening when Her Majesty invested
ther with the Insignia of a Member of
the Most Excellent Order of the
British St. Excellent Order of the

British Empire.
The Queen was represented by Ceneral Sir Roger Wheeler (Aide-de-Camp General) at the Memorial Service for General Sir John Gibbon formerly Aide-de-Camp General) which was held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3, this morning.

SW3, this morning.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 29: The Princess Royal.
President, The Princess Royal Trust
for Carers, this morning visited the
Sedgefield Locality Carers Centre, 19
Upper Dalton Way, Newton Aycliffe,
and was received by Her Majesty's
Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham
(Sir Paul Nicholson).
Her Royal Highness this afternoon
opened Butterwick Hospice, Middlefield Road, Stockton-on-Tees, and
was received by Mr Christopher
Bartram (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of
County Durham).

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will open the Helitech 97 Exhibition at Redhill Aerodrome, Surrey, at 11.00: and will visit Zonal Plastics. Holmethorpe Avenue, Redhill, at

Prince Edward will attend a concert given by Her Majesty's Royal Marines at Guildhall at

Princess Margaret will attend a performance of Les Fausses Confidences by the Comedie Française at the National Theatre during the French Theatre Season, at 6.30.

Captain Geoffrey

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Geoff Fowkes, former British Airways Training Captain and Past Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, will be held at St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC3, on October 30, 1997. at noon. Those wishing to attend are asked to telephone 0171 837

Luncheons

The Lord Mayor entertained a luncheon yesterday at the Man-sion House Mr Alderman Richard Nichols, Lord Mayor-Elect, and Mrs Nichols with members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs. the Chief Commoner and Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts. Among others

The Princess Royal afterwards

Her Royal Highness, President, the

Missions to Seanten, later opened the

Flying Angel Club, Kinkerdale House, Tees Dock, Middlesbrough,

and was received by the Lieutenant of

North Yorkshire (the Lord

September 29: The Duke of Glouces

ter, President. British Consultants

Bureau, this morning attended a Meeting at Sana'a Chamber of Com-

merce and later attended a Luncheon

given by the Government of the

public of Yemen at the Republican

This afternoon His Royal Highness

was given a tour of the old city of

Sana's and in the evening attended

Sana and to the twenty authors the Trade Mission Reception given by His Excellency Mr Douglas Scrafton (Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen) and Mrs Scrafton at the British Embassy, Sana'a.

opened a new Community Resource Centre at 25 Drake Road, Norton.

Stockton-an-Tees.

KENSINGTON

Palace, Sana'a.

PALACE

present were:
Miss Melissa Cork, Miss Georgina
Cork, Mr Jonathan Nichols, Mrs
Victoria Ouggan, Mr Thomas
Nichols, the Master of the Bowyers'
Company and Mrs Sheila Begent-

Rotary Club of London Mr Clifford Charles, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held vesterday at the Portman Hotel. The Ambas sador of Slovenia also spoke.

Service dinner

RAF Club Dining Society Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Royal Air Force Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Air Commodore G.J.B. Claridge presided. Air Chief Mar-shal Sir Michael Knight also spoke.

Today's birthdays

Mr G.J. Allen, chief executive, IM1, 53; Sir Stanley Bailey, former Chief Constable, Northumbria, 71; the Rev Dr Gordon Barritt, former president. Methodist Conference, and former principal, NCH Action for Children, 77; Lord Belstead, 65; Sir Derek Birkin, former chairman, RTZ Corporation, 68; General Sir Edward Burgess, 70; Viscount Cranborne, 51; Professor Sir Eric Denton, FRS, marine biologist, 74; Lord Dixon-Smith, officer, 82: Mr Staffan Gadd. banker, 63; Mr John Goodwin. Editor, Evening Standard, 62.

director, Inner Cities Young People's Project. 51; Mrs Teresa Gorman, MP, 66; Mr A.E.S. Green, painter. S8: Mr A.R. Hacker, clarinettist and conductor, 59; the Right Rev Patrick Harris, Bishop of Southwell. 63: Miss Deborah Kerr, actress, 76; Mr Johnny Mathis, singer, 59; Mr Ian Ogilvy, actor, 54; Mrs Penelope erdashers' Aske's School for Girls. Elstree, 55; Miss Sue Robinson, publishing director, Radio Times, 43; Mr Stewart Steven, former

fORMUMG_MALBIG - Quiety in Sath on 27th September between Andrew, som of Mr and Mrs C. Hornung of Llangome, Powys and Miss Beather Halling, daughter of Dr. and Mrs D.H. Maling of December, Powers

The night sky in October

By Michael J. Hendrie ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY begins the month in the morning sky but closes rapidly with the Sun to be at superior conjunction on the 13th. It then moves into the western evening sky, beginning an apparition that lasts will mid-December, but throughout this period Mercu-

ry will be too near the Sun for observation. However, it should be quite easily seen in the morning sky from late December into the new year. Venus has been visible for those with a clear western

skyline from summer into autumn, very low in twilight. Setting only an hour after the Sun it was never in a dark sky but at -4.2 magnitude Venus can be seen easily with the naked eve even with the Sun above the horizon if you know where to look and the sky is clear. In October Venus begins to move into a darker sky setting two hours after the Sun by the 31st. This will increase to three hours by mid-December when Venus will become a brilliant evening star in the southwest over Christmas and into the new year. Venus is the focus of some

interesting conjunctions in October. The crescent Moon will be to the north of Venus on the 5th, and on the 6th the Moon will be above the bright star Antares in Scorpius, with Mars of similar brightness (I magnitude) and reddish col-our lying between Antares and Venus. Mars will be 3 degrees north of Antares on the 11th and on the 26th just 2 degrees (4 Moon diameters) north of Venus. They will be in twilight but using Venus as a guide Mars and Antares should be found. Throughout the month Venus and Mars will be in the same field in binoculars.

Mars moves from Scorpius into Ophiuchus during the second week of October setting no more than two hours after the Sun all month. Jupiter is in Capricornus

and stationary on the 8th and

General Sir John Gibbon

General Sir Joha Gibbon
The Queen was represented by
General Sir Roger Wheeler, Chief of
the General Staff, at a service of
thanksgiving for the life of General
Sir John Gibbon held yesterday in the
Chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. The Rev Tom Hiney officiated.
General Sir Harry Tuzo, representing the Order of the Bath, and
Leutenant-Colonel John Gibbon,
son, read the lessons. Field Marshal
Lord Vincent of Coleshill, Master
Gunner St James's Park, gave an

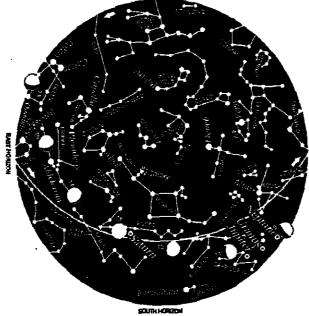
Gunner St James's Park, gave an

Colonel Gibbon carried his father's

Among others present were: Lady Gibbon (widow), Miss Katharine

West door to the Altar.

DEATHS



then resumes its usual eaststars. At -2.4 magnitude it dominates the southern evening sky setting in the south-west before midnight by the 31st. Moon to the north on the

Saturn is 0.2 magnitude and

in Pisces. It reaches opposition on the 10th when it will be due south at midnight (01h BST). Full Moon close by on the 15th. Uranus is in Capricornus and stationary on the 14th when direct or easterly motion against the stars will be resumed. Moon to the north on the 10th. Neptune is in Sagittarius and stationary on the Sth before resuming direct

The Moon: New Moon, Id 17h, first quarter 9d 12h, full Moon 16d 04h, last quarter 23d 05h and new Moon 3ld 10h. Moon near Aldebaran on the 18th.

Sunset on the 1st is at 17h 40m and on the 31st at 16h 35m while sunrise is at 06h 00m and 06h 50m on the same

Shaw, Mrs G A Ellison, Mr and Mrs Michael Stonor. Mr Peter Stonor. Mr and Mrs Jonathan Jamieson. Mr and Mrs Jonathan Jamieson. Mr and Mrs D Fagan, Mrs D Neve. Sir Arthur Marshall. Mary Lady Chesham, Major-General and Mrs John Cordingley, Mrs E H Colville, Colonel and Mrs N T Davies, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Lady Vincent of Colesthill, the Hon Nicholas Assheton, the Hon Mrs Hensman, Sir Frank and Lady Cooper, Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs. Air Chief Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs. Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Hodgelnson. Air Chief Marshal Sir Nell Wheeler. General Sir Ceoll Blacker. General Sir Edward and Lady Burgess, General Sir George Cooper. General Sir Martin Farndale. General Sir Robert Poul, General Sir James Glover. General Sir Ceoling. General Sir Carte Howard-Dobson, General Sir Fairnk Howard-Dobson, General Sir Fairnk Kenny, General Sir John, and Lady Hanngton. General Sir John, and Lady Frian Kenny, General Sir John, and Lady Frian Kenny, General Sir John, and Lady

dates. Astronomical Twilight wards motion against the ends at 19h 30m and 18h 30m early and late in the month and begins again at 04h 05m and 05h 00m. The annual meteor shower.

the Orionids, reaches a maximum on the night of the 21st but with the gibbous Moon in Gemini on the 21st observation will be difficult. In dark conditions up to 20 meteors an hour may be seen. The Taurids activity begins about October 20 and continues through November. These slow meteors emanate from the area below the Pleiades and west of Aldebaran. The maximum occurs about November 3 at around 10 per hour but it usually includes some bright meteors.

In October with the nights lasting for up to 12 hours, the summer constellations begin to be replaced by those of winter. The evening rising in the northeast of the Pleiades is a sure sign that winter is on the way again. But the more eastern summer constellations

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Artilleryi. Major-General P R F Bonnet,
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Major-Generai J D E Isles.
Major-Generai J James Lunt. MajorGenerai K J McQueen. Major-Generai
W D Mangham, Major-Generai and
Mirs R Saveley, Major-Generai M C M
Steele. Major-Generai Anthony Stone,
Major-Generai and Mirs F C
Streatfelid, Major-General and Mrs P T
Tower.

populated world is quite difficult to find. This month Jupiter is near its centre and the Moon will move through it over the 9th-11th. Uranus and Nentime require optical aid: either binoculars and a good star chart to

> separate out the stars or a telescope powerful enough to show their tiny discs. The ringed planet Saturn is in Pisces (the Fishes), another extensive constellation not easily identified. A diagonal line from the top righthand to the bottom lefthand corner of the Great Square of Pegasus (Flying Horse) leads directly to Saturn and Pisces. Saturn takes 29 years to circle the sky once, Jupiter only 12 years. So while Saturn moves eastward about 12 degrees each year, Jupiter travels 30 degrees, and will overtake Saturn in May 2000 on the Aries-Taurus border below the Pleiades.

such as Cygnus, Lyra and

Aquila remain visible in the

southwest into December

because while they are actual-

ly setting two hours earlier

each month, it is also getting

dark earlier by a comparable

amount: this keeps them in the

same part of the sky at night.

be identified by the constella-tions they are in but at other

times a bright planet can help

identify a rather ill-defined

constellation. The constella-

tion of Capricornus (the sea-

goat) covers quite a large area

but is devoid of bright stars

and against the bright skies

which now cover much of the

Sometimes the planets can

The Great Square of Pegasus may be used also to find the bright star Fomalhaut near the southern horizon: follow down from the two righthand stars of the square. in the northern sky Ursa Major (Great Bear) and the Plough are "the right way up" again but almost overhead (Queen) Cassiopeia is upside down. How much smaller she looks when high in the sky. This is akin to the Moon Illusion, but that is another

Withers. Brigadier J C Groom.
Brigadier C M A Mayes. Brigadier R N
Ohlenschlager. Brigadier and Mrs P J F
Painter. Brigadier M B Pritchard.
Brigadier And Mrs T K Thompson.
Brigadier K A Timbers. Brigadier A R I.
Wheatcroft. Brigadier Phillip
Winchcombe (REME). Colonel and
Mrs Norman Davies. Colonel N W
Frend. Colonel P S D Griffin.
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of Doncaster

The life barony conferred upon Sir Harold Walker, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Walker of Doncaster, of Audenshaw in the County Greater Manchester.

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Forthcoming marriages

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Marriages

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Ludlow, Shropshire.

Mr P.T. Edwards and Miss A.C. Hill

Major A. Tower and Mile N. Johard

Dr A.J.G. Bell

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of David

and Jean Jeans, of Southgate, London, and Judith, daughter of

Stanley and Mary Laws, of Poole,

The engagement is announced

between lan, elder son of Mr and Mrs F.R. Merriman, of Presteigne

and Susan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.M. Bauschelt, of

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 20, at the Long

Mynd Hotel, Church Stretton. Shropshire, of Dr Andrew Bell. son of Judge and Mrs Alistair Bell,

of Broughton, Preston, Lancashire, to Miss Jane Meyrick, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Meyrick, of

The marriage took place on September 20, 1997, at St John the

Baptist Church, Purley, Surrey, of Mr Paul Thomas Edwards, son of

Mr and Mrs John Edwards, of

Purley, to Miss Alison Clare Hill, youngest daughter of Mr Edgar Hill and the late Mrs Valerie Hill,

and stepdaughter of Mrs Megan Hill, of Chichester, West Sussex. Canon Pannett officiated.

The marriage took place at Ville-franche sur Mer, Alpes Maritimes,

France, on September 27, 1997, between Major Alastair Tower and Mile Nicole Jobard, of La Bretagne

Mr J.R.S. Booth and Miss B. Bargagli-Stoffi The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Roger Booth and the late Karen Booth, of

Brussels. Belgium, and Beatrice, daughter of Pier Paolo Bargagli-Stoffi and Giuliana Bargagli-Stoffi Ugurgier, of Siena, Italy. Mr R.S.J. Easteal and Miss W.M.C. Chadwick

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs John Easteal, of Lambourn Woodlands. Berkshire. and Wendy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Chadwick, of Allostock, Cheshire.

Mr M.D. Gillott and Miss J.A. Watter

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Gillott, of Corpusty. Norfolk, and Janine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Watler, of Minster, Kent.

Mr A.W. Kinsman and Miss H.M.A. Guan of Banniskirk

The engagement is announced between Alexander William, son of between Alexander William, son of Major Michael J. Kinsman, of Esher. Surrey, and Mrs Jilly Prideaux-Phillips, of Blackmoor, Hampshire, and Helen Mary Aline, daughter of Iain A. and Mrs Gunn of Banniskirk, of Lybster.

Mr S.J. Young and Miss C.P. Allwood The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Dr

Baron Renwick

and Mrs Michael Young, of St Martin, Jersey, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Allwood, of Kingston upon

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry Somerset, 1st Baron Raglan, C-in-C during the The life barony conferred upon Sir Crimean War, Badminton, Gloucestershire, 1788; Frederick Sleigh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts, Field Marshal, Cawnpore, 1832; Truman Capote, writer, New Orleans, 1924; Marc Bolan, rock

musician, London, 1947. DEATHS: Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke, poet and states-man, murdered, London, 1628; James Brindley, canal builder. Turnhurst, Staffordshire, 1772: Rudolf Diesel, engineer, planeer of the internal combustion engine, at sea, 1913; Sir Robert Hadfield. metallurgist, London, 1940; James Dean, film actor, Paso Robles, California, 1955.

Mozart's The Magic Flute was first performed in Vienna, 1791. Germany and the Soviet Union signed a pact agreeing on the partition of Poland, 1939. The Berlin airlift ended, 1949.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Rodney Scrase was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas Leas Woodside in the City of Aberdeen. Mr Leonard Lickorish presided.

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CHEDLEY - On September 18th 1997 at The Royal Survey County Hospital, to Andrea (nde Cobbett) and Andrea, a son, Archie Brian William.	
DOWNE - On September 11th 1997, to Elizabeth (née Hudson) and Mark, a son, Jonathan Mark, a brother for Catherine.	
DOWN - On 20th September in Hong Kong, to Tor (née Foster) and Nigel, a daughter, Rose Imogen Alice.	
Mail. Alies - On September 26th in Brussels, Belgium, to Chantal (nes Rectors) and Oliver, a daughter, Isobella Wilbelmin Anne	
HARRES - On September 16th 1997, to Cath (née Luiham) and Tim, a beautiful daughter, Madeleine Elizabeth.	•
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Eyall) and Chris, a son, Toby

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Harmen-jan, a daughter, Prancesca Anita.

SELF - On Friday 26th September at 8.22 pm, a son Ivan Scott for Debotah Orr and Will Self. A half-brother

SINCLAIR - On September 16th, to Katle (not Newby)

size and Alexis.

September 20th ages or.
Beloved husband of the
recently departed Kath;
much loved father of Mary,
Anne, Shella and Tricia; and
devoted grandfather to
Andrew, Lucy, Lizia, Clare,
Shona, Nick, Alasdair,
Louise, Ned and Lucinda.
Funeral Service at
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Cutmatorhma, Brackmell on
Thursday 2nd October at
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donations, if desired, to
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Council, Copeman House, St
Mary's Court, Chesterfield,
Derbyshire \$41 7TD.
Memorial Service to be
announced. SAGER: CUMBLETON - On Priday September 26th in Winsey, Oxfordshire, Dealel, only son of Mr and Mrs Skiney Seger, of Bristol, to Catherine, younger daughter of Mr Sam Cumbleton and the late Mrs Cumbleton, of Lockinser, Switzerland DIAMOND BENSTEAD - J. Allen died BENSTEAD - J. Allen died peacefully on Sunday September 28th Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation Priday October 3rd 12.45pm. Family flowers only. Desations it desired to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London. ANNIVERSARIES SEMOR-BECKETT - On 30th September 1937 at St Clement Danes Strand, Henry to Pamela. Now at Amesbury, SP4 TEL. Congratulations and love from children and grandchildren. BOLTON - Colonel John Stacey ("George") Bolton D.S.O., late 9th Guntha Bifles and 10th P.M.O. Guntha Bifles, aged 84; dearly beloved husband of Iris. Funeral at 12.30 pm on Monday 6th October at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, Surrey. No flowers but donations if desired to The Gurkha

BROOKS - On 25th September 1997 percefully at Bescom House Residential Home, ALLES - On September 25th 1997, Peter Dobson Allen 1997, Peter Dobson Allen C.B.E., D.L. died tragically aged 65 years at Charing Cross Hospital, London The beloved husbant of Junet, much missed father of Timothy, Christopher, Nichobas and daughters-inlaw Delyth, Susan and Vanessa also devoted uncle of Brian. Requies Mass on Friday And October at 230 pm at Holy Trinky Roman Catholic Church Aldershot Road, Church Crookhun Flowers to A & W Goddard Ltd., Funeral Directors, Kent Road, Flore, Hampshire GUI3 9AH. Tel: (01252) 616431. Vanessa also devoted grandfather of Nicholas, Alexander, Daniel, William Rhiannon, Matthew and Locy and loving brother of Patricia, Pineral Service on Priday October 3rd at Magam Abbey Church, Port Palbot as 12.30 pm followed

BURTORI - Joan Linnell (sie Iviny) died peacatolly aged SS on September 27th 1997, surrounded by loving care, at St Arme's House, Window. Wildow of Captain George Surton, M.C., much loved slater of John Iviny and Sathura Chinell, very dear aunt of Hirabeth Clarke, Jacky Thompson and Lacy Lyliny, and great-aunt, Funeral at St Mary's Church, Vernham Dean, at 10.30 am on Thursday 9th October. Enquiries to E. Sergeant and Sona, 61 St Leonant's Moad, Windson, tel: (01753) 865982. Taibot at 12.30 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to Mr CT. Allen, 3 Preswylfa Cour, Merthyr Mawr Road, Reidgead for Margam Abbey and Hospital Charities, The family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the doctors and staff of the Intensive Caru Unit, Charing Cross Hospital, London. Further tequines to Condon Further tequines to Condon Functal Service. Tel: 01639 883688.

CAMPRELL - Bobert (Bobby).
Suddenly, at home, on
September 29th, 1997,
Bobby (associate Editor of
The Scotsman), dear
humband of the late Honorah
Penry and belowed father of
Fergus, Roderick and
Diamnid Funsani on Edday,
October 3rd, after 1246 pm,
Bequiem Mass from 5 Heavys
BC Cathedral, Broughton
Street, Edinburgh, to Mount
Version Cemetery arriving
approximately 2 pm, Bobby
will be received into the
Cathedral on Thursday
evening at 6 pm, EIP.

CRANSHAW - Clare, much CRAMSHAW - Clare, much loved widow of the late Edward Cranshaw, on 27th September aged 94. Present at 2 pm on Monday 5th October at 5t Nicholas Church, Sandhutst, Tentenden, Kant. Flowers to K.B. Sills, High Street, Cranbrook.

CRICHTON-MILLER - Monica (née Glanvill) on 27th September peacetally in her 91st year, seven weeks after the death of Donald, her much loved husband of 65 years. Devoted mother - to Neil, Jenny and Angus -grandmother and greatgrandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private Memorial Service at St Columba's, Reat Street, London on Wednesday, October 29th at 11.30 an when thanks will be given for both their lives.

DAVIS - On September 27th 1997 peacefully in hospital in Gullefford, Godfrey Ropert Carless Davis C.S.E. aged 80. Formerly of Wimbledon. Fether of John, Mary and Ass and grandfather of seven. Femeral Service at St seven. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul, Gotshining on Friday October 3rd at 3pm. No flowers but donations to The Stroke

DENCE - Barbeta, Sister Varity.
On September 27th 1997,
Deaconess of the
Community of 8t Andrew, in
the 45th year of her
profession. Functual Service
on Monday 6th October at 8t Clements Church, Sirds: Road, W11, at 12 noon

DICKSON - Albert William on Wednesday 17th September 1997 at University College Respirat following a tragic accident Denry leved son of Christine and brother of Unity and Christine (Bilary). Service at Goldens Green Causatorium on Feliary 3rd October 1997 m 12 noon followed by a cremation. Flowers to Leventon & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampsteed NW3 4QS.

Tower.

Brigadier C R Burson. Brigadier and Mrs R A Clay. Brigadier J S Cooper.

Brigadier and Mrs Mark DouglasBrigadier and Mrs Mark DouglasBrigadier and Mrs Mark Douglas-EDGE - Professor William Leonard Edge, Peacefully at Szazvth House, Bounyring, on September 27th, 1997, Professor William Leonard

Professor William Leonard
Edge, aged 92, much loved
uncle of Richard, David and
Jane. Funeral on Friday,
October 3rd, after 2 pm
Requiem Mass from
Nezareth Rouse Chapel,
thereafter to Mount Verson
Cemetery arriving at
approximately 3 pm. All
friends invited. Professor
will be received into church
just prior to Mass. ELP.

EMERSON - Shirley (née Upton) died suddenly at home on September 27th 1997. Selly missed by all her family. Funeral Service at Little Housted Church, Thursday 9th October at 11am, followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Exquiries to Cooper and Sen (01825) 763763.

FARQUHARSON On September Zard suddenly at home in Rys, Sussex, Dr. Archibald Douglas John, taxiny loved father of Anna and Alested, grandfather of and Alaschei, grandfather of Caritin, Murray, Amelia and Minnie, Funezal Service to take place on Thursday October 2nd 12 noon at Oxford Crematorium, Family flowers only but donations if whiled to The Salvation Anny ofo Ellis Bros. F/S Ltd., 3 Ferry Engl. Rys. Sessex, tak: (01797) 222394.

FREARSON - On September 19th 1997 at Leleaster General Hospital, Eichard John, dentry loved father of Nicholas and Sarah and husband of the late Jane Rossina Frearion. At his own request private family funeral, no letters please. Donations please to the Exital Seart Foundation, 14 Firehardings Street, London WIH 4DE.

GARRELE - On September 27th 1997 peacefully at the Soyal Sursy Hospital, Guildford, aged 77. Son of the late Cacifin Victoria Gamble, his Howelst, and the late Leasard John Gamble, brother of Terence Gamble and uncle of Sohin Powis and (01483) 576902.

GARDMER - Travelyan Codrington Traver, CRE, MA, B. Liz, yearsfully at home in Whittlesford on 24th September, 1997, aged 30. Safty missed by all his family, Requien Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Charch, 135 High Street, Sewston on Monday, 6th October at 1 pm followed by interment in Whittlesford Parish Cometery, Paintly flowers only please, but if wished donations for Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charty may be sent clo E.J. Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge CB1 6HS.

GOFTON-SALMOND - Robert Bruce, un September 27th after an illness, bravely endured Loving husband of the late Haether, much loved father of Sarah and Robert and gandfather of Eate and Andrew. Funeral Service 12 noon on Friday Sed October at St Leonard's Church, Chidessien, Hants followed by private burial. No flowers but donations, if wished, for The Gutha Welfare Trust may be sent to Alexander k Dry. 1 Seal Road, Basingstoke, RG21 7NQ, vet (01256) 844663.

GRANT - Cuning Alice on 26th September 1997. Beloved Mux of Julie and Millie. Funeral at Boleskine Church, Whitebridge, Inverness at 11am on Friday 3rd October. Memorial Service at St Giles Church, Famborough, Kent at Service and Thursday 9th October.

WEADLAM - Agatha Meismie
OBE., peacefully in
Southwold on 23rd
September 1997, formerly of
The Foreign Office. Nuch
loved godmother, cousin and
friend. Cosmation private A
Memorial Gathering is
planned for Friday 31st
October. Donations if
desired to Southwold
Hospital League of Priends,
Stille Read, Southwold
Suffelk. All enquiries to
Rodwell and Co, Solicinos.
Telephone No: 01986
872513.

KAVARAGRI - Peter Patrick jones tragically killed in the Southall train crash on Peiday September 19th aged 29 years, Balowed caly som of Maxwam and Peter. Doarset friend of Andrew. Bayelon Mass on Thorsday October 19th and 11.45 am at 5t 19th aged 11.45 am at 5t 19th ag

KRECIAND - Robert (Harry).
Zolda's darling, father of
Amy, Liz, Jismy and
Jessuifer, and much loved
friend of many, died
peacefully on 26th
September 1997 at the
Middlesex Hospital.
Farewell and burial at
fullnicton Camerery, East
Fuchley on 2nd October at
lysis, Family thowers cally,
Dessitions, if desired, to The
Stande Association through
W.G. Miller, 73-75 Essex
Roed, London NI, rel: (0171)
226-3886.

LAKE - Christopher Michael peacefully on 25th September aged 36 years, having shown the greatest courage in his fight against leukasuja. Beloved husband leukaemia Beloved bushend of Carin, wonderful father to Emily and Natasha, much loved son of Mollie and John and brother of Jeremy. Puscual Service on Monday ofth October at 2 pm at St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Twickenhaus, to be followed by private cremation. Family Elowers only please. Donations in Chris's memory to Leukaemia Research Fund or Leukaemia Research Fund or Leukaemia Care, c/o Frederick W. Paine, 31 Church Street, Twickenham 1W1 3NE, tel: (0181) 892-1784.

AWSON - Peter Anthony Lawson died peacefully on 29th September after a long filmess. Father of Alix. Loved 2001 remembers by 2011 bis.

LEE - John Kenneth, Captain

IM (Retd). On Friday 26th
September 1997 peacefully
at home. Beloved husband of
Ruby and previously of the
late Joan, dearest father of
Jone and Jonnes and such
loved Grandpa of Eathryn,
Chariotte, Indith, Rosalind,
Röward and Victoria Funeral
Service on Monday 6th
October at 2 pm in St Many's
Church, Felinersham,
Bedfordahine Fasally flowers
only please. Donations to
Horbury British Legion
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Directors, 48 Roff Areman,
Bedford.

MACKEILL MAGNEILL - Andrew Somerville. Peacefully at home on 26th September oged 81 years. Andrew, dearly loved husband of Rom. Puneral service and interment Colonsay 1 pm Wednesday 1st October to which all family and friends are invited. Ferry leaves Kennacraig 07.15 am Wednesday, returns same day.

MARCEL - Nellie May (née Viner) aged 82 died pescerully in her sleep on 24th September in Hillington Hespital. Much loved mother of William and fresentik and grandmother of Samentha, Carolyn and Tracy. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium Wednesday 8th October 2pm. Funeral Directors Walding and Son, Ibhridge, tek (01895) 233018.

MAEF - On Sunday 28th September 1997, Carlo Alberto Naef O.E.E., peacefully in his steep in his 96th year. He will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends in the flower industry. Penseal Service at Genthifund Crematorium on Friday October 3rd at 3.30pm. Flowers and all enquiries to Eobert Aying Fuseral Services, 25 South Bond, Guildford, Sunny GU2 6Wr, tal: (01483) 567333.

ogg - Edward England Stuart, aged 92, of Mayfield, E. Susser. Ch. September 27th 1997, peacefully after a short illiness. Widely respected member of the Eoyal Horicultural Society and homomed by the award of the Varil Loved Unafte of Chisholm, Anthony, Chamsian and Robin, Will be saily missed. Funeral St. Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, Monday, October 6th at 11.15 am. If deaired flowers, or domations to RHS Benevolent Fund or St. Dunstan's Church, Mayfield clo Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, (C1892) 655000.

Services on Zeth September, aged 86. Greatly loved mother of plain and grammy of Bob, Jo, Jeas and Ton. Funeral Service at Colders at 11.30 am.

TIAMO - Soy. Our dear friend passed away after a long illness. Will be saidly missed and fondly remembered. Ruth Weldon and family.

WALLT - Dr. Maurice died passeduly on September 27th aged 86. Much loved further, grandfather and brother. Cremation services at South Cremation services at South Cremation services at South Cremation services at South Cremation services at Ruthum United Leformed Church, Oxfor Rund, Province, Fundam, 12 pm on Friday 3rd October. Jean would have been touched by donations made to The Rowans. All enquiries Cooperative Funeral Ricentes, the (01705) 851032.

WELLINGTON - (Wie England), on September 27th at home aged 87 years, Nancy, Victoria, Josephine, the late South Rund, Runny, Annahelle and Lucy, proud great-grandmother of Anya, Catherine, Runna, Sophine, the late South Rund, Runny, Annahelle and Lucy, proud great-grandmother of Anya, Catherine, Runna, Sophine, the late Funeral Service Hills. The Funeral Service Hills. The Funeral Service Hills. The Funeral Service Hills. T

WHSTTOW - Mary Baird, MRE on 25th September peacefully aged 83, formerly of University College Hospital A dear friend to or University College Hospital A dear friend to many and a loved member of her wide family, Funeral Mass at 12 moon friday 3rd October at St Many the Wingin, Prinspose Hill, NWA. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, tek 0171 387-6075. Wild Peacefully on September 28th 1997 after a short fliness, William Anstey Preston aged 70 years. Much loved husband of Dawn, loving father of Tania and Robert and a proud grandfather. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Brailsford, Derbyshire on Friday October 3rd at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only, doubtions if desired for The Hightingale Macadillan CCU. Derby may be sent to W. Jones & Son, Funeral Directors, Brailsford, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DB6 3DA, tel. (01385) 360319.
WILMOT - M.S. "Chev",

Ashbourne, Darbyshine DES

JDA, tek (01335) 360319.

Wilmot - M.S. "Chev",
tragically on Saturday
September 27th near his
home. Private cremation.
Thanksgiving in Fifehead
Neville, 12 noon, 1st
November. No flowers,
doustions to Orizon.

WOLSTEMHOLME - John
Hartley aged 61, pencefully
at home after a flerce
disregard for cancer, on
September 26th Husband of
Pamela, father of Peter and
Robert, hother of Mangaret,
grandfather and uncle. Lifeiong entrepreneur and
enthusiant for cricket,
rowing and golf, Private
cremation followed by a
Thanksgiving and committel
service at the Farish Church
of Waltham St Lawrence,
Berkshire on Honday
October 6th at 3 pm. No
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L Lovegrove, 58 Briants
Avenue, Cavershim,
Berkshire RG6 ORA, Tel:
(01734) 461392.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

FALKINER - Sir Edmond Rulkiner Bt. Following his tragic death on 20th September 1997, his funeral service will lake place at Cinderford Crematorium, forest of Denn, at 4 pm on Priday 3rd October 1997, and will be followed by a guthering at Ve Hostelrie, Goodrich, so musicians please pring your instrumental As Ed would have wished, this will be a calchardton of his life, not a knowning of Ms death. Ed hated wearing ties, so informal dress is appropriate. Family howers only, but donations either to "Drugcare" or "The Ed Falkiner Music Scholauship Clo Arch Cottage, Goodrich, Hesselordshire, HES 6HV.

MEMORIAL SERVICES BURNOE - W.P. (BIII). Requiem Mass at 11.45 am on Saturday October 11th at The Little Outstry (entrance courtyard Busspiem October a joining

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CURTIS - Ken. A Memorial Service to calcimate the life and work in adventising of Ken Curtis, will be held on Tuesday 7th October, at 12 noon in St Bride's Church, Fleet Street. For further information please call Geoff Lebert on 0171 720 1966. Picwoell - Anna Plowden CBE. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Anna Plowden will be held at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1 at 3pm on Tuesday 4th Rovember 1997. 3pm on Tuesday November 1997.

IN MEMORIAM —

LOWDELL - D'Arcy, Kathmanda

SCLATER - Robert H. On 30.9.1994 in Cordoba, Argentina Sadly missed by Madeloina

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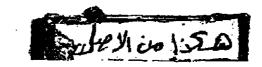
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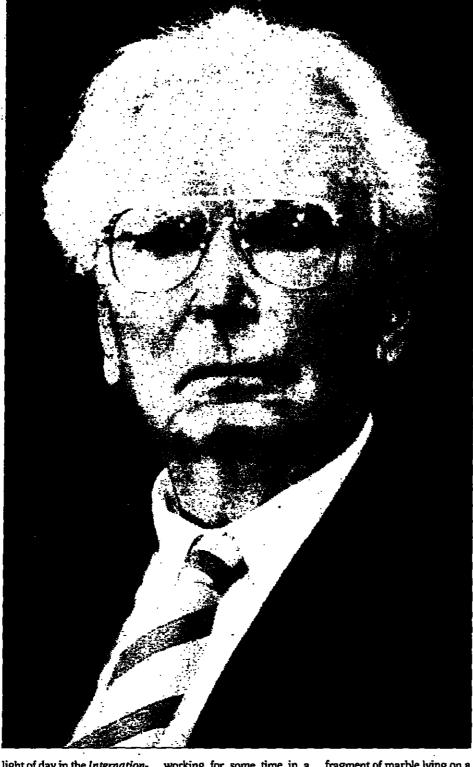
Viktor Frankl, psychiatrist and psychotherapist, died on September 3 aged 92. He was born in Vienna on March 26, 1905.

he trauma of the Nazi concentration camps has been said to require new thinking about man's nature. As a psychotherapist whose idea of the psyche was forged in Auschwitz and other camps, Viktor Frankl was able to begin this work. His book Man's Search for Meaning sold millions of copies worldwide after being translated into English in the 1960s. Frankl's outlook was radi-

cally different from those of his two great Viennese precur-sors, Freud and Adler, for whom respectively sex and self-assertion were the great motivating forces in human affairs. Frankl's therapeutic method, which he called logotherapy", is comprehended in the title of his book; he aimed to help individuals find meaning in their lives according to their circumstances. Emphasising the uniqueness of each human being, he used his own experience of the concentration camps to find meaning in even the most appalling situations, so helping people to come to terms with suffering. whatever its causes. He denied that there was anything reli-gious in this, although his method often seemed close to that of spiritual consolation.

In later years he became increasingly critical of Freud and Adler, whom he blamed for what he saw as the increasing hedonism and materialism of the 20th century. In his book The Doctor and the Soul, he warned that an insistence on the exercise of sexuality at the earliest age at which it was physically possible was liable to limit the individual's mental horizon, as well as creating unnecessary anxieties in the young.

Frankl was born in Vienna's famous Czerningasse, at No 6 - more or less opposite No 7, in which Adler lived from 1870 to 1937. He recalled that as a student he had first met Freud - who was then his hero taking an evening walk in Vienna's Votivpark. He tentatively followed the famous proround and, to his astonishment, recognised him. A few years earlier, Frankl had sent Freud a paper on psychoanalysis which eventually saw the



light of day in the International Journal of Psychoanalysis. but he had no reason to think that the great man would remember either him or his offering.

Frankl was briefly a disciple of Adler, although they soon went different ways. Qualifying as a doctor in 1930, and despite the gathering clouds of anti-Semitism, which threatened him and his family, Frankl stayed in Vienna.

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working for some time in a unit treating women who had attempted suicide. In 1938, the year of the Anschluss, he took charge of the neurological unit of the city's only Jewish hospital, the Rothschild.

Remarkably, he was permitted to remain in this post until 1942. He had been offered a visa by the Americans, but while he was pondering this attractive option at his family's house, his eye alighted on a

fragment of marble lying on a table. His father had retrieved it from the largest synagogue in Vienna after its destruction by the Nazis. The fragment was from the synagogue's tablets of the Ten Commandments, and was inscribed with the Fifth Commandment in Hebrew: "Honour thy father and thy mother that thy life may be long in the land the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Frankl realised he could not

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abandon his family, and in 1942 he was deported into captivity with his parents, his brother, and his wife Tilly, whom he had married in 1941. They were sent first to the Theresienstadt concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. It was the first of four camps he endured over the next three years, the last being the extermination camp at Auschwitz, where his wife was also taken.

On his arrival at Auschwitz, Frankl was directed by the camp doctor. Dr Josef Mengele, to join the queue moving left - to the gas chambers. Recognising none of his friends in that queue, he sneaked behind Mengele's back into the queue moving to

the right, so saving his life. Over the next year he survived typhus and strove hard to develop a capacity for hope amid the humiliations of the camp. He saw that in many cases it took a degree of unscrupulousness to survive the degrading conditions, but he was even more impressed by the inner freedom created by the condition of having nothing else. "I understood how a man who has nothing left in the world may still know bliss." he was later to say.

He returned to Vienna in 1945 to find that his mother. father, brother and wife had all perished. In the wreckage of the city he was given the post of head of neurology at the Polyclinic Hospital. As a form of catharsis he sat down and dictated Man's Search for Meaning to a relay of secretaries in nine days. It was published before the year was out. Now recognised as a classic in existential psycholo-gy, it has, to date, sold nine million copies in 26 languages. and has never been out of

Frankl was on the staff of Vienna University, where his teachings were described as constituting the "Third Vienna school of Psychotherapy", after those of Freud and Adler. He was also much in demand as a lecturer throughout the world, especially in America, where he held chairs at five universities, including Har-vard and Stanford. He was also the holder of 29 honorary doctorates. He continued to write prolifically, and published more than 30 books, including a volume of autobiography published earlier this

In 1947 he was married for a second time, to Eleonore Schwindt. She and their daughter survive him.

ROBERT CAMPBELL

Robert Campbell, journalist and musician. died yesterday following an ancurism aged 55. He was born on July 27, 1942.

ON THE simplest level, Bobby Campbell's career was a classic case of the working man achieving success by dint of natural skill and intelligence. From apprentice engineer in the shipyards of Chydeside, he moved into journalism to become chief subeditor on The Sunday Times and then associate editor of The Scotsman, the post he held at the time of his death. But that summary does not

begin to do justice to an extraordinary life, in which music and politics played significant parts, and which was also touched by tragedy. An immensely talented fiddle player, Campbell founded a folk band which influenced performers as diverse as the Chieftains and Billy Connolly. Thrice married, he found himself a widower at 48 - and the father of triplets. Managing to bring up three boys on his own while holding down a full-time job was, in his own eyes, his greatest achievement. On Sunday, Roderick, Fergus and Diarmid celebrated their 13th birthday and, watched by their father, were presented to the congregation at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh. It was, he told them, the proudest day of his life.

Robert Arthur Thornberry Campbell was born in Partick in Glasgow, the youngest of five children. His father was a shipyard worker, and his mother, from Aberlour, did occasional housework to make ends meet. It was she always referred to by her son as "the great improver" — who saw his potential. At Hynd-land Secondary School he was among the brightest pupils; but he was also obsessed by fiddle music, and abandoned his exams to play in pubs and clubs. His mother told him that if he wanted to take up music he would have to earn his living, so he became an apprentice engineer at John Brown's shipyard

At the age of 19 he moved to London as an engineer and formed a band called the Exiles, with Gordon McCulloch and Enoch Kent, whose sister, Janey Buchan, was a staunch supporter of the folk music movement and later a Labour MEP. The band toured Ireland and Europe. collecting and playing folk songs, some of which became hits with other bands. At one



point, the Exiles were the warm-up band for Billy Connolly at the Cambridge

Theatre. Communist Party and was taken onto the sports desk at the Morning Star by Stanley Levinson. From there he was recruited by John Lovesey, the sports editor of *The Sunday Times*, where he wrote the Inside Track column. He moved to the newsroom as a sub-editor under Harry Evans, whom he regarded as a great hero, and was steadily promoted until he reached the key post of chief sub-editor, responsible for pulling all the news pages of the paper

ertheless, a dedicated and

thorough professional, meticulous in his attention to detail. and intensely loyal to the

Campbell also joined the

A big man, with a gruff Glaswegian voice and manner, he was passionate, emotional and possessed of a notorious temper. He would hug people in the office at a he had inherited from Hontime when men did not, on the orah. To the end, he was whole, demonstrate manly affection. He drank and played hard. His Hogmanay parties were celebrated. He was, nev-

His first marriage, to Helen, a local Glasgow girl, was short-lived. In 1963 he met Beatrix Barnes, who as Beatrix Campbell became a celebrated feminist writer. But that marriage came to an end too, when she revealed her lesbian inclinations, and in 1978 he married, for the third time, Honorah Perry, with whom, after eight years of marriage, he had triplets. They moved to Edinburgh. where Bobby became chief sub-editor and later features editor of The Scotsman. Tragedy struck in 1990, when Honorah died of cancer. Their wide circle of friends rallied round to help him and the children. An important extra support was the Catholic faith determined that his children would have the security that he felt he had often lacked himself.

He leaves his three sons.

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ROWLAND GEORGE Rowland George, DSO,

OBE, Olympic oarsman and gold medallist, died on September 9 aged 92. He was born on January 15, 1905.

ROWLAND GEORGE was the oldest surviving British holder of an Olympic gold medal, having won the coxless fours at the 1932 Los Angeles Games with Jack Beresford, J. ("Felix") Badcock and H.R. A. ("Jumbo") Edwards. He was also reputed to be the only member of the equipment branch of the RAF to win a DSO in the Second World

At the outbreak of war in 1939, George, being too old to learn to fly, had joined the equipment branch (now "supplies") of the RAF Volumteer Reserve, and taken a specialist course in explosives of which he was before long to have much practical experience.

Three years later, at Bone on the coast of Algiers, the unit that George commanded was responsible for the unloading and dispensing of supplies to the First Army and RAF squadrons, including highoctane fuel. This was done in the face of determined and sustained bombing and machinegun fire from the Luftwaffe, which was trying to



At the 1992 Olympics, 60 years after his triumph

protect Rommel's forces. For his success and dependability in these circumstances. George was appointed OBE, an unusual recognition for an

act of bravery. Such was his reputation in Algiers that, as a wing com-mander, he was invited to become a planning staff officer to accompany the Allied invasion force to Sicily. He landed with the first assault troops on the beaches in the early morning of September 10, 1943, to establish airfields for units of

the Tactical Air Force. He did not, according to the citation for his DSO, allow the wound he suffered "to interfere with his personal supervision of the work of unloading and distributing the urgently required supplies". Earlier evidence of George's

exceptional character and determination had been his triumph in the Olympic Games. At Wycliffe College in Gloucestershire, his headmaster had described him in a letter to his parents as "a nervy little chap"; and at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he had started to row because he was "no good at cricket and soc-cer", he was forbidden in his second year by a doctor ever to get into a boat again, so serious was his exhaustion after rowing for the college; but he was soon appearing for the Thames Rowing Club, reach-ing the finals of the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in successive years, and progressing onwards to the

Olympic gold medal. Rowland David George, the third son and fourth child of John Ellis and May Louise George, had spent his childhood in Bath, and it was his wish to live in that part of the country that led him in 1959, when he was only 54, to seek early retirement. He had been the successful managing director of companies in lpswich and Colliers Wood. London, each a subsidiary of what was at that time E.S. and A. Robinson -- later Dickinson Robinson - of Bristol.

From 1948 to 1951, when he left East Anglia, George had been commanding officer of the County of Suffolk Fighter Control Unit in the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, Later. when he moved to live near Bath, he became chairman of the Bath Council of Social Services, the Bath Society for the Blind, the Bath branch of the English Speaking Union and secretary of the Bath Preservation Trust

A keen Christian Scientist. he remained active until his deafness, which was a legacy of the Italian campain, became a handicap, though it did not prevent him from arranging bridge parties until well into his nineties.

In 1992 he was a guest of the British Olympic Association at the Games in Barcelona, 60 years after he won his own medal. To prepare himself, he hired a Spanish tutor, to ensure, he said, that he would be polite to the Spanish hostess in the home where he was to be accommodated.

His wife Sylvia died in 1984. He is survived by two of his three sons and a daughter.

TORMENT OF NOISE

A NEW SOCIETY FORMED TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir.-The need for immediate action in order to mitigate the noise evil, especially unnecessary motor-hooting in residential areas, has been so clearly demonstrated by numerous correspondents in your columns and in your leading articles that we are encouraged to hope that the organization whose formation we beg to announce will have the full support

Briefly, we aim at enlisting, with the least possible delay, such a force of public opinion as will induce the authorities to regulate by law certain forms of noise which are manifestly injurious to the comfort, health and repose of the community at large, as well as being damaging to efficiency and to the amenities of numerous whan localities.

We therefore invite all who suffer from the infliction of unnecessary noise to communicate with the honorary secretary, Anti-Noise League, 9, Weymouth Street, Wi. The membership fee for ordinary members is merely nominal (half a crown per annum) our object being to obtain the largest possible number of adherents prepared to join us in

ON THIS DAY

September 30, 1933

More than 60 years ago there was a growing feeling that something should be done about noise. There were letters to The Times; this

one from a group of public figures, including the physician Lord Horder, announced the formation of an Anti-Noise League such action as may be decided upon. We are. Sir, your obedient servants,

HORDER RIDDELL BUCKMASTER GEORGE HILL DAN MACKENZIE JAMES PURVES-STEWART WILLIAM ROTHENSTEIN **BECKLES WILLSON** 9. Weymouth Street, W.1. Sept 29,

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES Sir.-At the meetings of the British Association in 1932 at York, and recently at Leicester.

valuable papers were read describing the progress which has been made in the reduction of noise, especially in connection with aircraft. It was felt that if these principles were applied to the more general problems much could be done to reduce the discomfort and annoyance which has been so often referred to in the Press.

The Association decided to set up a committee to consider the noises which it is most important to reduce and to collect the information available for this purpose. As chairman of this committee I should like to invite considered opinions from the public as to the noises which cause the most discomfort and inconvenience. The committee could then select those subjects which appear to be of greatest importance and collect and review

the knowledge at present available.
It will in most instances be possible to indicate the amount of improvement likely to be effected without serious loss of efficiency. If at a later stage money or practical assistance from manufacturers became available to give practical effect to the Committee's recommendations it may be possible to arrange a practical demonstration at the meeting of the. British Association next year.

Yours faithfully HENRY FOWLER

Your team can win you £1,000 in a month

The story so far

At last, a smile on your face! Of course, It's been a good week for us Leeds

I didn't know you supported Leeds. I didn't until I signed Molenaar and Martyn the other week. It's amazing how your loyalties can change, [1] admit. And my mother was born in a house that was knocked down to build the Revie Stand at Elland Road. Fascinating. But I seem to remember that you weren't too happy with Molenaar and Martyn a fortnight ago. A fortnight is a long time in football.

I see you're learning the jargon . . . Most certainly, Brian. But about Leeds: our defence is getting back to basics; two clean sheets in four days, an away win and a home victory over the old enemy ...

How long have you been a Leeds supporter, again?
... and Molenaar rose above the Southampton defence on Wednesday to net a priceless four-pointer. If only I could have had David Wetherall in the team as well! Not more than two players from any one club, you know. By the way, did you take my advice about transfer-ring players out before difficult games?

Fortunately not. I forgot. So Leboeuf was a net gain this week, and I kept the Leeds lads in even though we were playing Manchester United. If I'd remembered your advice, I might have rested them for a week.

What faith you have in your team. Don't forget about

revaluation, though. Eh? Revaluation? What's that? Your scouting network seems to have let you down, old chap. Some players' prices are changing, to reflect what's been going on out in the real world. Fortunately, there's a guide to revaluation on the opposite page. So I'll probably find that some of my ducking and diving on the transfer market will have said the state of the st ing on the transfer market will have paid off with vastly inflated valuations. Just like Barry Fry.

Sort of, perhaps you should do some victory runs up and down the touchline the way he does.

Hang on a minute, though — if my players' values go up, doesn't that mean I'm over my £35 million budget? Don't worry — the price you paid for them is what counts. And the value of players can go down as well as up. you'll find; but you've got until midnight tonight to buy and sell at the old prices. Your man Babayaro, who hasn't played a game for Cheisea yet, is a good example. You could sell him today, before half-a-million is knocked off his value.

But when he starts playing, his value might jump again. What was it I said about faith in your team?

This week 70 players are revalued in ITF. Also the new Faxback

service showing your team's up-to-

date progress is in operation

THE REVALUATION of Interactive Team Football players, another innovation, starts this week. On the player lists on page 23 you will see that players' costs (fourth column) have sometimes gone up or down. The old price is in brackets, the new price in bold type. See opposite page for full details of how this affects your

From October there will be a separate monthly prize for ITF Internet players. It will be as attractive as the monthly ITF League prize — £1,000, plus football gear and Premiership tickets.

The reason for this new

prize is that, with transfers on the Internet being free, Internet players if they choose can use all their transfers in one month to improve their positions. The advantage gained from free transfers is only short-term. It would be a big disadvantage in the quest for the ITF League prize of £50,000 to use up all your transfers so early in the season. But Internet players can still compete for the top prize and for the FA Cup league starting in January.

You can still enter ITF via The Times Website (www.thetimes.co.uk), via LineOne or via Sky Sports Interactive (Sky Text page 118). Please note that some features such as minileagues may not be available on these platforms.

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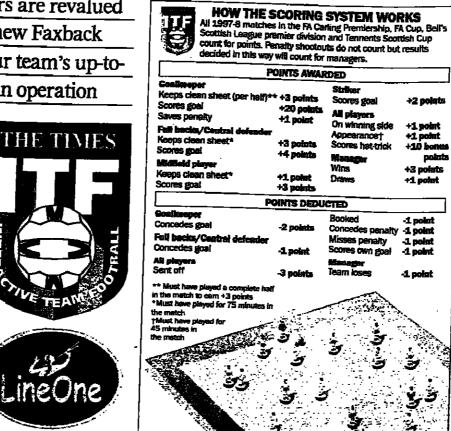
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Make sure you have your ten-digit PIN number ready when you call. To obtain an ITF Team Faxback, simply pick up the handset of the fax machine and dial the telephone number below. If your fax does not have a handset, attach a handset or press the on-hook or telephone button instead and dial the number below. Listen carefully to the instructions and press the appropriate buttons when asked. Calls cost £1 per minute and are available in the UK only.

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By entering the ITF, your team will automatically be entered into a separate FA Cup league. Your players will earn you points for the FA Cup league (Littlewoods FA Cup and Tennents Scottish FA Cup) as well as the main ITF league.

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Wetherall hits champions and winning ITF streak

IT WAS arguably the most significant goal of the week-end — certainly the one that meant most to supporters of the scorer's team.

However, when David Wetherall, the Leeds United central defender, climbed above Gary Pallister to head the winner against Manchester United on Saturday (right), he delighted more than

him to include himself in his

His choice of goalkeeper, total up to 41 for the season:

WETHERWISK.

the Elland Road regulars.

Any Interactive Team Football entrant with Wetherall in

his or her team this week benefited to the tune of 13 points. Wetherall's hot streak vnich began with his team's 2-0 victory against Southampton at The Dell, included two clean sheets (worth three points each), his four-point goal, and two points for wins not a bad haul Modesty probably forbade

own ITF selection - currently occupying second place in the PFA league — in favour of Steve Walsh, the Leicester City captain, who missed his team's victory at Barnsley on Saturday, and Ugo Ehiogu of Aston Villa, who conceded two goals in the draw with Shef-field Wednesday. A mistake, surely; he outscored them both

though, was sound. Kasey Keller of Leicester City has performed consistently well behind a defence that is becoming renowned for its meanness, and his weekly score of 10 points brings his



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bettered only by Schmeichel, who has 48. Wetherall's weekly close encounters with top-class forwards led him to choose Ian Wright, who has contributed strongly to "Wether's Wander ers", but Martin Dahlin, who had not played a single Premiership game when Wetherall chose him, something of a gamble.



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Guide to players, transfers and revaluations

From today a number of ITF players have new values, offering intriguing possibilities for skilful transfers



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new addition to Interactive Team Football is player revaluation. which will take place four times during the season, and will reflect changes to the market values of certain players as a result of injuries, loss of form, a consistent scoring

streak or a run of shut-outs. The first revaluation comes into force at midnight tonight. Until then, players affected can be transferred in and out at their original valuations.

After that, the new prices (shown in brackets in the lists below) come into force. Further revaluations will take place every two months up to and including the end of March.

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in your existing team, which raises the total value of the squad over the £35 million total limit, does not mean that you will have to make transfers to restore the balance. In effect, your sound judgment of a player has earned you the right to spend more of your chairman's money. However, a player transferring out of your team can only command

the new price.

In other words, if Regi Blinker, currently valued at £1.5 million, is in your team, you can sell him tomorrow for E3 million and — here's the good part — buy a player of equivalent value who might previously have been out of your price range. Conversely, if you paid £2.5 million for his Coltin tectured. Celtic team-mate Tommy Johnson, you will get £1 million less if you sell him after midnight tonight.

Individuals who have started the season well, like Marco Negri of Rangers, who will cost £3 million more tomorrow than he does today, find their increased valuations reflecting their good form, but the most startling rises in market value have occurred in players with teams whose results have generally exceed-

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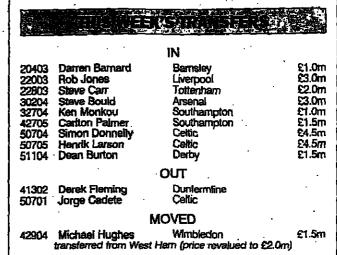


ed expectations. Blackburn Rovers are a good example, their four listed midfield play-ers have each gone up in value by £500,000, while Chris Sutton, whose goalscoring form fringes of the England squad, has doubled in value from £3

million to £6 million. Where expectations have not been met, however, the fluctuations can be even more drastic. Paolo di Canio was rated at £6.5 million on the threshold of a season that promised much for the whitebooted one and for Sheffield Wednesday, contenders for a European place last season. Di Canio's stock has fallen by £3.5 million; the largest change in any valuation.



Above left: Di Canio, who has lost value. Above: Negri, worth £3 million more



HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER ☐ YOU MAY transfer as and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance. If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

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Mandelson rejected by old Left

Labour activists embarrassed Tony Blair by rejecting his close adviser and friend Peter Mandelson as a member of the party's ruling body.

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The vote ended the Prime Minister's hopes of a trouble-free party conference and overshadowed preparations for his address today. But Mr Blair, his advisers and Mr Mandelson himself swiftly countered suggestions that the defeat of one of the architects of new Labour was a vote against modernisation - which will be the theme of today's speech Pages 1, 8, 9

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A Cornish church immortalised by Thomas Hardy has had its altar stolen. St Juliot's is the latest in a series of remote West Country churches to be targeted by thieves feeding a market for

Army rape case

Six naked Army officers raped a 23-year-old student after cavorting around her in a sauna, a court was told ...

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Armed religious police of the Islamic Taleban held Emma Bonino, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and 18 other people for more than three hours after pictures of women were taken in an Afghan

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A High Court judge has awarded damages of more than E8,000 against a veteran Singaporean opposition politician for defamation of the Prime Minister, Goh Chok TongPage 10

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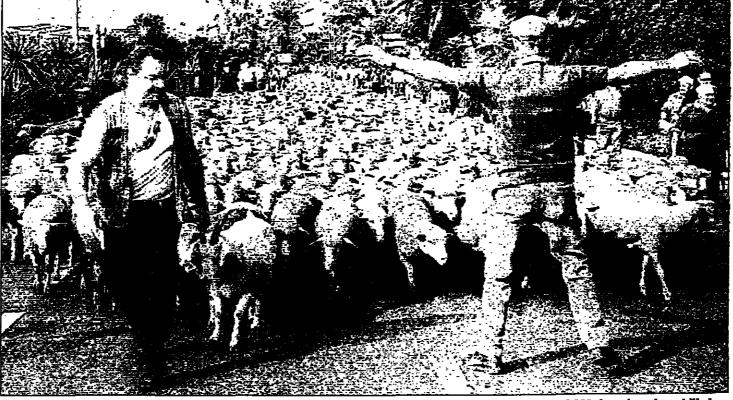
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Repentant men join a sobbing march

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As Tony Blair and Gordon Brown bask in the adulation of the party faithful at Brighton, a possible clash between the next door neighbours is looming PETER RIDDELL

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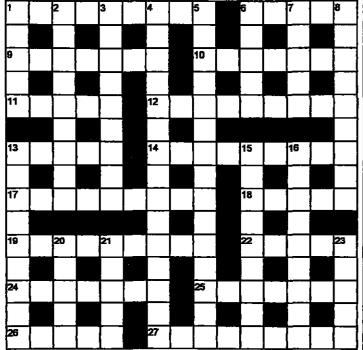
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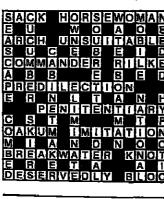
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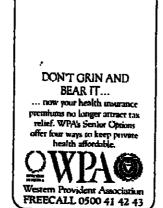


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clearing to give suriny spells and showers. Cloudy with drizzle in Irish Republic.

Northern England and North Wales will have rain, becoming lighter and more sporadic as it moves towards Midlands and South Wales. Southern England dry with suriny spells

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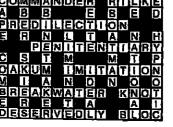
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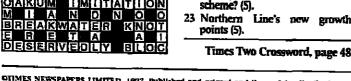
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Brussels gives backing to system of tied pubs



IN RRUSSELS

THE European Commission yester-day gave its blessing to Britain's system of tied pubs, ruling that Whitbread was entitled to charge its tenants more than the standard price for its beer because it provided them with other benefits.

Although the Commission's provi-sional decision affects only Whitbread, Britain's third-biggest brewer, it called it "an important signal for the numerous litigation cases in the UK involving tenants and lessees who argue that their lease infringes EC competition law".

have long been arguing that the higher rates they are charged for beer, compared with prices for free house owners, amount to a breach of the Treaty of Rome. However, the Commission said it had concluded that tenants of Whitbread, whose executive chairman is Sir Michael "benefit from lower rents, professional assistance, capital investment and bulk purchasing rebates that are not readily available to these free traders and compensate more or less for the

differential". It went on: "In those circumstances, the Commission considers

level-playing field with their freetrading competitors, and that an exemption consequently seems acceptable." Whithread operates 2,130 "tenanted" pubs out of 5,000. "Our finding in the case of Whithread is just the first to emerge," said a Commission official in Brussels. "We have found that although lessees tied to Whitbread are bound by certain rules governing their pub leases, other aspects more than compensate. If we find in the case of other breweries that there is sufficient compensation for higher beer prices, then it follows that we will clear them

Tenants and other interested parties have a month to give their views before the Commission gives its final raling. Officials pointed out that the Commission was not aiming to apply the same scrutiny to leases on pubs owned by small and regional breweries because the smaller scale meant that these fall outside the scope of EU competition law.

The Campaign for Real Ale wel-comed this, saying: "Maintaining ties for medium and small-sized breweries is the only possible way for them to compete in the market."

The Commission is assessing the lease arrangements of other big brewers, including Scottish & brewers, including Scottish

Newcastle and Bass. In addition, it is looking at pub estates run by Inntrepreneur Pub Company and Allied Domecq Retailing.

Last week Nomura, the Japanese investment bank, acquired Inntrepreneur and Spring Inns from Grand Metropolitan and Foster's Brewing Group for £1.2 billion. The acquisitions added 4,300 pubs to Nomura's existing 1,100-strong Phoenix Inns chain. Inntrepreneur, set up in 1001, has been embroiled in in 1991, has been embroiled in litigation with licensees because of the company's decision to introduce 20-year leases at much higher rents while charging tenants above market

Publisher

promises

further

savings

MEDIA EDITOR NEWSQUEST, the regional newspaper group, is promis-ing significant savings still to come at Westminster Press

(WP), the group acquired from

Jim Brown, chairman of

Newsquest, said WP, bought

great buy for us". Yesterday Newsquest published its pro-spectus for a Stock Exchange

largest publisher of free news-

papers in the UK, with a total

distribution and circulation of

Mr Brown said Newsquest

had to act urgently to tackle the

problems of WP. "We had to

address the circulation prob lem and fix it damned quickly

too," he said, adding that mar-

gins at WP will soon be higher

than in the rest of the group.

Pro forma figures for the year to December 1997 show

operating profit of £67.3 mil-

lion on turnover of £277.1

million. The figures take ac-

count of the planned disposal

of Wessex Newspapers and the

Mr Brown is one of six top

paper millionaires next month

if the float goes ahead on

schedule. The six will hold 4 to

5 per cent of the company.

KKR and Cinven will reduce

their stakes to 43 per cent and

15 per cent respectively. New

shareholders will have about

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managers who will become

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37 per cent.

5.2 million copies per issue.

Pearson last year.



London close \$327.25 (\$327.25) denotes midday trading price

for £298 million, had been "a flotation designed to raise £100 **Spending** million. The indicative price range of 250p to 290p a share values Newsquest at £540 mil-lion at the mid-point. hoom is The company has 173 paid-for and free titles. It is the poised to

By Alasdair Murray ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

continue

CONSUMER credit surged again in August, raising fears that the high street spending boom will last well into the autumn. The latest monetary statistics also pointed to strong spending growth, while house prices continue to rise sharply.

Net consumer credit rose £1.03 billion in August compared with £501 million in July but at a similar level to August 1996. M0, the measure of narrow money supply, accelerated from an annual rate of 5 per cent in August to 6.1 per cent in September — the fastest rate of increase since May.

Adam Cole, UK economist at James Capel, said the data was consistent with the view that rates would rise further "as the strength of consumer spending in the second half of the year becomes apparent".

But Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, put some of the consumer credit growth down to the exceptional August car sales and pointed to a decline in the quarterly consumer credit growth rates.
The latest Nationwide house

price survey showed prices rising 1.7 per cent between August and September. They are now 12.9 per cent higher than last year. But Nationwide said the strength of the rise could be misleading and the main cause of the rise is the continuing shortage of property.

Separate Bank of England data for August showed gross mortgage lending slipping from 66.91 billion in July to £6.52 billion; net lending fell from £2.29 billion to £2.12 billion.

Millions made on gilts before EMU report

By Janet Bush, economics editor

CITY firms earned millions of pounds in profits in an trading in gilt futures on the day before Friday morning's report that the Cabinet was adopting a more positive stance on membership of a single currency.

Several investment banks were reported to have been the trading pit at Liffe, the London International Financial Futures Exchange, on Thursday afternoon, Goldman Sachs was the name which featured most in City gossip.

The sterling gilt future had been gently sliding during the Thursday afternoon session but then repeated, heavy buy orders came in, pushing the contract's price up by a full point by the end of trading.

The price climbed further on Friday in response to a report in the Financial Times, denied by the Treasury, that the Government was on the point of adopting a much more positive approach to economic and monetary union. The report started a dramatic selloff in sterling, a rally in the gilt market and a surge in the stock market.

As early as Wednesday, a perception was emerging that the Government was inching towards a more positive EMU policy. Tony Blair held a breakfast meeting with business lead-ers and was reported to have been distinctly warmer in his tone on EMU. But it was the FT story, subsequently denied by

both Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Robin Cook, Foreign Secretary, which set the markets alight. It is widely assumed that the

suggestion of a shift in government EMU policy was leaked to the FT by close aides of Mr Brown. They figured heavily in last night's Scottish Television documentary on the them Sue Nye, head of Mr Brown's private office.

She is married to Gavvn Davies, chief economist at Goldman Sachs. The investment bank has often found itself under unusual scrutiny



Liffe trading surged

from City gossips because of the close ties Mr Davies has with the Government. Goldman Sachs is highly sensitive to Mr Davies's connections and he operates within strictly enforced Chinese walls.

Liffe confirmed that Thursday was an unusually busy day in the gilts futures pit with 116,592 contracts traded com-August of 75,000 contracts. Friday was even busier with 193,343 traded.

Traders in the pit estimated that Goldman Sachs may have bought between 12,000 and 15,000 lots, worth between £600 million and £700 million. They calculated that, if 15,000 lots had been bought at Thursday's lowest levels and sold at Friday's peaks, the profit would have been more than

£11 million. Goldman Sachs yesterday declined to comment. However, economists at the bank have been arguing for some time that the spread between gilt futures and German bund futures would narrow and it appears that its activity on Thursday was the kind of convergence play that it had been recommending to its clients.

Their futures traders have a reputation for making very large bets in the futures markets but the sheer size of its orders on Thursday was a talking point on the floor of Liffe. One trader said: "The timing, just before the FT report, was breathtaking. They must be brilliant."



Asda at odds with Safeway

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

DIVISIONS between Safeway and Asda over how their £9 billion merger would have worked if it had not been aborted emerged yesterday with sources at Asda claiming the deal would have given their company the upper hand.

Asda said all stores would have traded under the Asda name, with the headquarters for the business at its base in Leeds. It would also have been run by Allan Leighton, Asda chief executive. Archie Norman. chairman of Asda, and David Webster, chairman of Safeway, of the group and Colin Smith, chief executive of Safeway, would have been either deputy chairman or group finance director.

Left on the shelf

that none of the issues had been

discussed and that, presented this way, the deal "would be a takeover without a premium". Asda said it intended to go it alone as the deal was now "dead",

Safeway dismissed this, saying

lengthy Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry. Safeway said it was disappointed not to have been able to take the merger forward, considering it a "good idea". Safeway insisted that it was not a

takeover target and denied rumours of talks with Marks & Spencer or any other potential buyer. Its shares rose 92p to 4052p with analysts saying it was a bid target. It is understood that Safeway is looking at potential acquisitions. Meanwhile, shares in Wm Morrison, the supermarket group, rose 12p to 210p on bid speculation.

Midland fined £150,000

By CAROLINE MERRELL

MIDLAND BANK has been fined £150,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), the investment regulator, over pensions mis-selling.
The high street bank, which must

also pay costs of £70,708, wrongly advised some customers to leave their company pension scheme and take out a personal pension.

Tony Ashford, Midland deputy managing director, said: "We are disappointed about the fine. We stopped doing transfer business in 1993. With hindsight we should clients' circumstances."

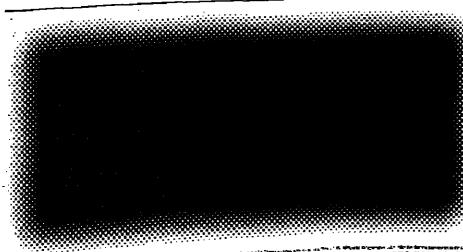
Midland estimates that it will cost about £45 million to compensate customers it has mis-sold a personal pension. The bank said it had already completed three-quarters of its review of pension transfer cases and offered compensation to 865 of its 1,130 "priority" customers.

The fine marks the end of a complete review by Imro of the pensions transfer business. Six Imro-regulated firms have been fined a total of £880,000. The biggest fines have been levied against Lloyds Bank, at £325,000, and

have gone into more detail about the Godwins, at £200,000. The review airned to find companies that had encouraged employees to transfer erroneously out of their company schemes in to personal pensions.

The end of Imro's review comes as the Personal Investment Authority, the retail regulator, steps up pressure on companies that are being slow to sort out their pensions compensation cases.

It has already fined three companies over their progress and is poised to fine at least a further five. Those that have been fined by Imro will not escape a further fine from



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New deal simplifies

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COMPANIES pursuing cross-border European mergers

stand to save millions in management time and fees as a

result of a landmark deal between competition authorities in

the UK. France and Germany. A Europe-wide streamlining

of the rules could follow the move by the Office of Fair Trading (OFI) and its French and German counterparts.

which turns on the introduction of a common form accepted

by all three bodies for mergers that have to be examined in

Previously, if a merger was subject to control in several

countries, enterprises had to submit different information to

more than one of these countries.

Leicester City plans £24m float

Leicester City yesterday became the latest Premiership football club to announce a stock market flotation, with a deal that will value it at about £24 million_

The club will reverse into Soccer Investments. the shell company floated this year for the purpose of taking over a Premiership club. It will offer 31.38 shares for each Leicester share, valued at 110p. SI will also put Ell million into the club to buy players, increase its stadium capacity and improve commercial operations.

The deal follows the recent flotations of Nottingham Forest, Chelsea Village and Newcastle

Tempus, page 28 Leicester float, page 44

Albany sold

Albany Life, one of the pension companies named and shamed by Helen Liddell Economic Secretary to the Treasury, has been bought from its parent. MetLife by Canada Life Assurance Company of Toronto. Albany Life, based in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, has 230,000 policyholders in the UK and generated a total new business premium income of £49 million last year. The sale to Canada Life, a mutual, requires regulatory approval. The deal's value was not disclosed.

Capital deal

Capital Radio, the UK's largest commercial radio group, has sold its 12.9 per cent stake in GWR, the rival commercial radio group, for £23.9 million. Capital, which is currently waiting for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to approve its Radio, took 14 million shares in GWR when it sold Mercia Sound, Leicester Sound and Radio Trent to the company in 1993. Capital yesterday said that its decision to sell the stake was part of its strategy to focus entirely on whollyowned radio businesses.

Bearish stock bets fuel \$300m loss for Salomon divisions

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

SALOMON BROTHERS is believed to have incurred losses of \$300 million (E180 million) in its global investment banking and equities divisions for the year ending today. Wall Street analysts say the losses helped to push Salomon into last week's \$9 billion merger with Travelers Group.

Arbitrage traders are said to have lost \$100 million by betting the bank's own money on the merger of British Telecom and MCI earlier this year. A further \$100 million

TOTAL, the French oil compa-

ny, faces retaliation from Am-

erica after signing a \$2 billion

deal with Iran in defiance of

the 1996 Iran-Libya Sanctions

Act which requires the Ameri-

can President to penalise in-

The French Government

warned the US not to attempt

to apply the law, after Total

and Gazprom of Russia and

Petronas of Malaysia, its con-

sortium partners, agreed a contract to expand the vast

Iranian South Pars offshore

"Our position on any invest-

ment in Iranian gas and oilfields is clear: such invest-

ments make more resources available for Iran to use in

supporting terrorism and pur-

suing missiles and nuclear

weapons," a US state depart-

ment spokesman said, adding

But France said that "the

application of the provisions of

this law would constitute a

serious precedent in interna-

One international diplomat

in Tehran described the deal

would be taken".

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Total faces US

retaliation

over Iran deal

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

These losses apparently stem from bearish stock bets in the US and Europe. Global investment banking is also said to have lost \$100 million after large-scale expansion of overseas operations.

A Salomon spokesman said overseas operations were profitable but declined to comment further. Salomon as a whole will be profitable but full-year pre-tax profits are expected to be below analysts forecasts of \$166 million.

Travelers Group, a financial service and insurance company, said it was familiar

as "a tremendous psychologi-

Alfonse d'Amato, US senator

and the main author of the

sanctions law, said last month

that if the deal went ahead he

would insist President Clinton

punish Total by imposing the

harshest retaliation - a ban on

the company's sales in the US.

Total insisted the contract

was in accordance with

French law and UN regula-

tions, and that it did not believe Total's US assets

An official of the state-

owned National Iranian Oil

Company (NIOC) in Tehran said: "It is a very important

turning point for us."
"I think it shows that the EU

countries and particularly the

French are not taking the US

foreign policy initiative in

terms of the trade relationship

with Iran seriously and they

know the Iran-Libya Sanc-

tions Act is not a realistic

The European Commission

said the clash illustrated the

urgent need for Washington to

Europe over US trade laws.

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ition and the friendly takeover was on course to be completed by the end of this year.

A spokeswoman said: "We know they are investing internationally and they are stronger in fixed income than in equities. That's why the transaction is such a wonderful fit."

While Salomon employees will make huge profits on their shareholdings as a result of the takeover, their pay will suffer after the drop in profits. Bonuses, which make up the largest chunk of annual incomes, will be set in coming weeks.

It has also emerged that

chief executive, is set for a sharp drop in his \$10 million pay package. Mr Maughan, who initiated the Travelers deal, is on a profit-sensitive pay scheme. While he received \$10 million last year, the

ic criteria had not been met. His contract states that Salomon has to top 15 per cent return on equity over the year to be eligible for a bonus. So far this year, Salomon has hovered around 15 per cent.

previous two years he received

no bonus at all because specif-

In a further provision, Salomon also has to at least match the performance of five rival banks. Their return on equity has been around 20 per cent this year, putting Mr Maughan's bonus further into

Accounts of the losses have confirmed Wall Street opinions on which side got the better deal in the takeover. On the day of the announcement. analysts were surprised that Sandford Weill, the Travelers chief executive known for shrewd dealmaking, had paid \$81 per share when they stood at \$50 ahead of bid rumours. The price looks even more favourable to Salomon now

to Ivory fund's directors

COLIN McLEAN, the fund manager whose Scottish Value Trust preys on underperforming investment trusts, is adding to the woes of Ivory & Sime by trying to unseat the directors of the Edinburgh firm's £80 million venture

that Ivory & Sime Enterprise Capital is still making new investments only three years before it is due to be wound up. These have included the latest tranche of Enterprise's EI78,000 investment in Ivory & Sime Trustlink, Ivory's lossmaking marketing arm.

Mr McLean said that he was seeking not to take over management of Enterprise, but to maximise value for shareholders. He said: "There's a long lead-in time for venture capital funds. The shareholders and the board should consider whether they want to carry on which are not going to come to

fruition until after 2000." In response to past pressure from Scottish Value. Enterprise Capital was already reviewing its future, and intended to make proposals in December. Andy Steel, Enterprise's manager, said: "The board have been acting in good faith and in the best interests of all shareholders." He admitted that Enterprise had made two investments, totalling about £4 million, since a meeting with Mr McLean in July, but said that these had

Challenge

capital fund.

Mr McLean is concerned

Scottish Value is using its 27.4 per cent stake in Enterprise to requisition a shareholder meeting to remove Gavin Reed, the trust's chairman, and his fellow directors Michael Brooke and William Thomson. Scottish Value's nominees as replacements include Peter Dicks, formerly of the Abingworth venture capital firm, and James Hambro, of JO Hambro.

already been in train.

Enterprise shares closed 2p

the national competition authorities. To reduce this burden, businesses can now submit the same information in all three countries by filling in a two-page form. Companies will be told within a month if further examination is required. Legal experts said companies stood to make considerable savings

in management time and fees. The OFT said that the initiative was thought to be the first of its kind between European competition authorities. It hoped that the move would have a knock-on effect throughout the EC.

Oasis in need of Spice

OASIS said yesterday that sales of its autumn ranges have failed to take off in recent weeks because they lack the wild Spice Girls-style items that are selling fast elsewhere. The clothes retailer blamed the warm autumn weather and the aftermath of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, for poor sales, which were flat in the first eight weeks of the second half.

Pre-tax profit in the first half was £3.68 million (£5.18 million).

The interim dividend is 2.4p (2.1p), payable on November 7.

Unit trust sales slip

UNIT TRUST sales slipped in August, as investors grew nervous about falls in share prices in some world markets. Institutional investors, in particular, steered clear of unit trusts. buying £57 million worth in the month, the lowest level for 18 months. Total sales were £349 million, down from £545 million in July. The Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds attributed the fall in sales to the declines in markets such as Japan.

Westminster confident

WESTMINSTER HEALTHCARE shares rose 10p to 29312p after John Lockhart, the chairman, told the annual meeting that there are signs the sector's volume difficulties are easing. However, he added: "Pricing remains a factor and clearly. without a realistic pricing policy, there will be reluctance to undertake any new development of nursing homes. . . we are encouraged by the start that has been made in the new financial year and look forward to the future with confidence."

Care First resignation

CHAI PATEL, the former chief executive of Care First, the embattled nursing homes group, yesterday resigned as a director from the board. The move came after his resignation as chief executive last month after a personal battle with Keith Bradshaw, the company's chairman. Dr Patel had hoped to gather enough support from shareholders to be reinstated as chief executive, which would have forced Mr Bradshaw to resign, but he abandoned the fight last week.

NatWest's second Rose

NATWEST BANK is to repackage loans worth \$5 billion (£3billion) into bonds. The securitisation deal will be launched in the name of Rose (Repeat Offering Securitisation Entity) Funding No 2, a special purpose vehicle established by NatWest Markets to issue dollar and sterling denominated NatWest first went public with its plans for Rose Funding No a \$5 billion transaction in 11 tranches of floating-rate notes.

Capital and Regional up

CAPITAL AND REGIONAL PROPERTIES raised pre-tax profits from £2.5 million to £3.5 million in the six months to June 24. Earnings rose from 5p to 5.9p out of which an unchanged half-year dividend of lp will be paid. Rental income rose from £7.9 million to £11.4 million. The group recently acquired five shopping centres for £147 million. increasing its portfolio to nine. Retail now accounts for 90 per cent of the group's portfolio. The shares rose 212p to 255p.

Ricardo holds payout

RICARDO GROUP, the automotive engineering company, is holding the total dividend at 6.3p a share after incurring a pre-tax loss of £13.95 million in the year to June 30, compared with profits of £4.7 million. Losses were 33p a share, against earnings of 5.9p last time. The final dividend of 4.3p is due on November 28. The loss followed a £19.7 million charge against a disposal, restructuring in America and a property writedown. Trading profits were £5.7 million (£5.6 million).

ITN to expand into Europe

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

INDEPENDENT Television News, the broadcaster, has signed heads of agreement to take a major stake plus managerial control in Euronews. the European television news

Under the deal ITN will buy the 49 per cent stake in the cable and satellite venture

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now held by Alcatel, the

French electronics group, and run the channel in future. Stuart Purvis, chief executive

agreement can be reached the ITN board approving a Euronews business plan now being drawn up. If ITN takes control of the channel it will be

of ITN, is optimistic that before October 31, although a deal unitimately depends on

the UK news organisation's biggest international expansion. It will also mean ITN competing across Europe for the 24-hour news audience with Cable News Network, the BBC and SKY News. Euronews, based in Lyons

has been available in cable and satellite homes across Europe but its position has been weak and it has survived a number of funding crises. Apart from Alcatel its main shareholders include TVE of Spain, RAI of Italy, France Television and the Swiss national broadcaster.



Ron Zeghibe, chief executive of the media agency Maiden Group, raised first-half pre-tax profits by 68 per cent to £4.8 million. The dividend is 2.0p.

Saudi billionaire invests \$20m in New York label

Donna Karan's princely cut

DONNA KARAN NEW YORK (DKNY) has become the latest high-profile name to catch the eye of Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, the billionaire Saudi investor who bailed out Euro Disney.

He is paying more than \$20 million for a 7 per cent stake in DKNY, including 1 per cent for the benefit of Princess Reem, his daughter. It is the first time that a member of the prince's family has been publicly associated with his deal-making.

had been monitoring the company's performance for some time and was "very pleased" with the DKNY range of products. He considers DKNY a fast-growing label. His investment links him obliquely with Christina Ong, wife of Ong Beng Seng, the billionaire Singapore entrepreneur, who distributes DKNY in the UK, the Far East and Australasia.

Prince al-Waleed made his first move into retailing in 1993, when he paid \$100 million for a 10 per cent stake in Saks Fifth

Citicorp. Euro Disney, Canary Wharf, Mediaset, TWA, Planet Hollywood, Apple Computer, Cordiant, and Norwegian

Cruise Line. He holds stakes in the Four Seasons and Fairmont hotel chains, and has interests in the George V in Paris, the Plaza in New York, the Copley Plaza in Boston, and a number of luxury hotels in the Middle East. Forbes magazine estimates the value of his investments at \$11

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which would have certainly emerged as senior partner. Now, with the relationship over almost before it began, Safeway is left with its vulnerability exposed. Safeway's problem is in a store portfolio which is not ideally suited to the demands of today's shopper, let alone tomorrow's. Under the guidance of Sir Alistair Grant, now decamped to his Scottish homeland and the chairmanship of the Scottish & Newcastle drinks business, Safeway has held its ground as a major player in a highly competitive market, but its share of that market is likely to come under increasing piliering by rivals with more winning formats.

That knowledge must have provided the impetus to send Sir Alistair's successor, David Webster, to Leeds in search of support. Although Asda is now keen to play down its enthusiasm for a deal, it seems that the initial approach did generate sufficient interest for the two companies to work together on proposals to put before the

Office of Fair Trading.
There is a superficial attraction in putting together the third and fourth players in the sector to mount a real challenge against Sainsbury and the ever more

ist sales slip

Safeway left on the shelf

successful Tesco. But gauging the shape of that challenger only serves to highlight the difficulties that Safeway faces.

Profit growth for super-markets is coming increasingly from adding to the range of goods on offer, with grocers metamorphosing into news-agents, chemists, and, most recently, banks. Asda has professed the aim of making itself the country's second largest retailer for family clothing, acknowledging the impossibility of budging Marks & Spencer from the number one slot but prepared to take on the rest. Becoming a one stop shop needs space, and Asda has it but too many Safeway stores are hangovers from another era. It is unlikely that even half of the Safeway portfolio could have converted to the Asda format. The problem of what to do with the rest would have been tricky for the combined group but, without the merger, the out-datedness of many of its stores is

Colin Smith. Their need of a deal is more pressing than that of Asda, which has lined up a useful

an issue which will make life

increasingly difficult for David

Webster and his chief executive,



physical expansion programme. But Asda, too, is keen for a corporate coup. A year ago it looked at the ailing Kwik Save and wisely walked away. Then it showed similar restraint over Welcome Break Chairman Archie Norman is not quite fully occupied as an MP and deputy chairman of the Tory Party. Some of his thoughts will be focused on how to keep Asda shares, and the value of his options, motoring.

Full employment by any other name

abour's new commitment to full employment for a new century sent shudders down the backs of employers. An embarrassed CBI said that employing as many people as possible was undoubtedly a good thing, but that it was more vital to maintain conditions for ecotion and flexible labour markets, than to aim for full employment as "a token in itself".

Significantly, the CBI's own medium-term forecasts envisage unemployment settling at about 1,500,000 into the new century. Its economists expect the econ-omy to grow at its long-term sust-ainable rate of about 2.25 per cent to 2.5 per cent for the next few years. In that case, extra jobs will be created, net of more cuts in manufacturing and utilities,

roughly in line with the growth of available labour.

Business is secretly addicted to having a pool of unemployed.

Labour flexibility really means hiring and firing much more regularly, so the recruitment market is more sensitive today than when jobs were for life.

Unless Gordon Brown tears up his new contract with the Bank of England, however, he cannot use a dash for growth to mop up the excess million on the

inflation, the Bank would yank the interest-rate brake, preserving those wasteful new management habits.

That need not make Mr Brown's commitment an empty one, though it probably is. Structural unemployment still ac-counts for at least half a million people who have been abandoned in the wrong places or with the wrong skills at the wrong age. Finding jobs for them, with the aid of training. should not be inflationary since they are effectively not in the available labour force.

In the 1950s, when inflation was low but half a million out of work was shocking, young people started work two years later because of National Service. Some modern equivalent, per-haps dubbed "Welfare to Work", could have a similar impact,

though the aim is more modest. The Chancellor can still boost jobs via his role as fixer of taxes.

through employers' national insurance contributions. Far more should be employed if NICs were axed and the price of labour permanently cut, unless the laws of supply and demand were miraculously suspended. A higher rate of corporation tax on those who cut jobs than on those who create them would ensure that employers noticed.

Business needs to know

The City has been crying out for the President of the Board of Trade to spell out her view on competition. Yesterday, she stood up in Brighton and declared that it was all about "putting the consumer first".
Sadly, in the real world, the

choice is rarely so simple as whether to prefer evil big business over the man in the street. That idea smacks uncomfortably of old labour, as did Mrs Beckett's assertion that: "We will make sure that business cannot stifle competition at the expense of the family budget."

We have yet to learn how this sentiment will be interpreted in cases such as P&O's wish to join

Sears' subsidiary, Freemans. The arguments in both cases are complex and the family budget should surely only be one of the elements to be taken into account. Business needs to know the terms on which monopolies will be defined and whether the new government will be prepared to examine market domination in the context of a European market rather than tightly drawn UK regions. If the aim is to build strong companies which can compete on the international stage, there will come a time at which Mrs Beckett has to be prepared to accept that a hefty share of UK business does not necessarily work against con-sumers' interests. She did yes-terday concede that she did not believe all mergers to be evil, but she was not completely convincing.

channel ferry route or in Littlewoods bid to takeover the

T&N tension

FEDERAL-MOGUL'S bid for T&N should have been greeted with whoops of joy by shareholders in the company once better known as Turner & Newall. A promise of at least 235p cash per share, more than 40 per cent up on the recent trading level, has been greeted by mutterings that nothing less than 280p will do. Major shareholders PDFM and M&G may need to grab any chance of improving performance

BG plan will return £1.3bn to investors

BG, the demerged pipeline and exploration arm of British Gas, yesterday released details of its share buyback, which could return £1.3 billion to shareholders.

The buyback, announced in principle earlier this month, will reduce BG's market capitalisation by 11.8 per cent. It is designed to reduce the cost of capital as the company moves to meet price cuts demanded by the gas regula-tor. Fees associated with the buyback will total £15 million.

Shareholders will be given every 17 that they own. They will also receive 17 "B" shares, worth 30p each, plus a cash sum reflecting any fractional entitlements.

Shareholders will have the option of selling the "B" shares back to BG without commission or dealing expenses, through the brokers, Hoare Govett or Cazenove.

For each 100 ordinary shares held, a shareholder who chooses to sell would have £30 returned. Their 88

new ordinary shares will represent the same proportionate interest in the equity of BG as their current holding, barring minor adjustments. It is estimated that 80 to 90 per cent of BG's 1.4 million shareholders will choose to sell in this way. To do so, they must register their intention with BG, on forms sent to them by the company, by October 31.

BG has applied to have the B" shares listed on the London Stock Exchange. Dealings are expected to begin on November 3. Those who receive a dividend set at 75 per cent of the 12-month LIBOR, the inter-bank borrowing rate. They will have limited voting

The plan requires the approval of an extraordinary general meeting, wghich has been called for October 27.

The buyback enables BG to increase its gearing, raising money at a more competitive rate, and accompanies a reduction in the dividend, almost by half.

Robinson buyout incurs loss

HOGG ROBINSON, the business support services group, has sold its transport division for up to E23 million to its management, but has incurred an exceptional loss of £12.3 million in the process. Clive Holmes, managing di-

rector of Hogg Robinson Transport, led the buyout. The transport division made £3 million on sales of £121 million in the year to March. The disposal was not

enough to satisfy UK Active Value, the four per cent shareholder that has lobbied the Hogg Robinson board. The board said that the sale proceeds will be used to grow the international business travel and British financial services operations.

UK Active Value, however, believes that financial services should be sold as well and that Hogg Robinson should launch
a £25 million to £30 million share buyback. Shares in Hogg Robinson rose 12½p to 237½p.

Close lifts its profits past £55m

By Jon Ashworth

CLOSE BROTHERS, the merchant bank that owns Winterflood Securities, the smaller companies market-maker, has lifted its profits for the 22nd consecutive year. Solid performance in its

main activities — asset finance, market-making and merchant banking — saw pre-tax profits rise 23 per cent, to E55.4 million, in the year to July 31. Earnings per share were 29.8p (24.8p). A final dividend of 8.2p (6.8p) makes 12p (10p). Fee income from corporate advis-ory work and investment management rose to £39.7 million (£22.9 million), contributing to a more balanced split of revenues. Net fees now contribute 24 per cent of operating profits before central costs, against 20 per cent last time.

Winterflood and Dresdner Kleinwort Benson have launched a joint venture offering a combined automatic execution service covering most UK stocks.

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Contract failure hits results at McKechnie

THE £4 million cost of abandoning a disastrous US contract held back full year profits at McKechnie, the plastic com-ponents manufacturer (Adam

McKechnie warned investors of the charge, classed as an exceptional item in the results, in March. It was incurred after a process for painting plastic mouldings failed to work adequately.

The charge meant pre-tax profits only grew from £50.3 million to £51.6 million in the year to July 31, despite the acquisition of Dzus Fasteners

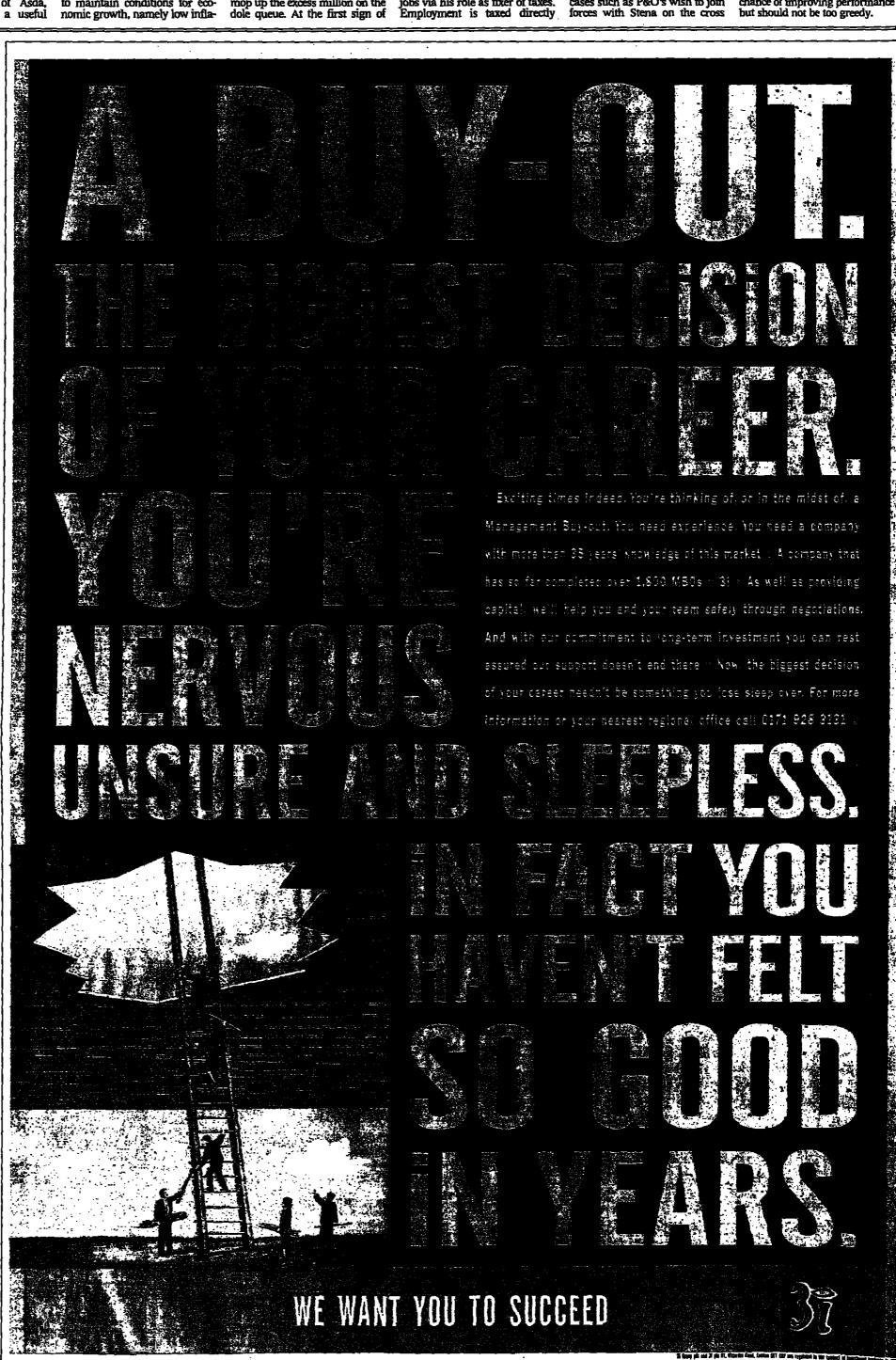
for £15.6 million last August. Operating profits were £55.3 million (£53.2 million), swelled by a better-than-expected £3.3 million maiden contribution from Dzus. The overall consumer products division saw profits nearly halve due to restructuring in New Zealand and a flat market in Australia. A final dividend of 13p (12p), making a total of 19.5p (18p) for

the year, will be paid on

January 2, 1998, as a foreign

income dividend. The shares

rose 2½p to 502½p yesterday. Tempus, page 28



CLARE STEWART

Ladbroke leads as hopes rise for Hilton alliance

betting group, touched a high as its shares jumped 10p to 2761 zp, making it one of the best performers among FTSE 100 stocks.

Analysts said the rise reflected hopes of benefits from Ladbroke's marketing alliance with Hilton Hotels Corporation, in particular if the US group is successful in its takeover for ITT Corporation.

Hilton Hotels faced IIT Corporation across a Nevada courtroom yesterday, taking issue with ITT's moves to block its advances. There was also some talk of Hilton's interest in a stake in Ladbroke.

After Friday's excitement, shares enjoyed a more subdued day's trading. Despite some profit-taking, they broadly held their nerve.

With talk of closer moves to Europe, some analysts have the market. Equity strategists at BZW, for example, are now looking for a level of 6,000 by the end of 1998.

Tony Blair and EMU edged slightly out of the spotlight as the main attraction, while the City digested a clutch of economic data including higher consumer credit figures and rises in the Nationwide's house price index.

After see-sawing in early trade the FTSE 100 lacked further upward momentum. and ended off just six at 5,220.3 on volume of 811.6 million shares.

Sterling's weaker trend together with anticipated benefits if the UK signs up for monetary union, helped to drive exporters higher. Key beneficiaries included

Smiths Industries, up 2512p to 92812p, British Aeropsace, up 2712p to £16.4812 and GKN. up ZZp to £14.4012. TI was also up, rising 1312p to 67712p. although less exposed to sterling fluctuations. **Utilities** offering attractive

yields were also snapped up. With results due from the water and electricity groups, Scottish Power led the way after announcing the sale of Southern Water, a subsidiary. 19p jump to 47lp. Severn Trent ended top higher at 921p, while United Utilities

The Bank of Scotland stood out amongst a sector generally in retreat on profit-taking after Friday's strong rise. Ahead of interim figures tomorrow.



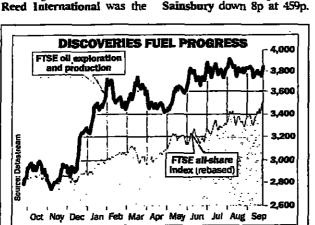
Michael Bennett, of Oasis Stores, down 1912p on poor sales

of Scotland shares moved 20p higher at one point before drifting back to close at 52812p, up 10p and a new high. The Woolwich closed 6120 lower at 31312p while Northern Rock, quoted at 420p-430p on the grey market, confirmed plans for an auction of 43 per cent of issued

Among FTSE 100 losers,

most prominent casualty as analysis estimated the possible hit to pre-tax profits after the discovery of errors last week. Reed fell 2912p to 507p. down over 5 per cent.

Traders checked out 'the supermarkets in the wake of the abortive Asda-Safeway merger talks. Asda fell back 5p to 159p, while Tesco was 16p weaker at 47212p and Sainsbury down 8p at 459p.



OIL exploration groups attracted interest in early trading, belped by firmer crude oil prices. The strongest rise was

seen in Enterprise Oil, up 12p to 676½p, while Lasmo rose before sliding back to ciose at 271p, off 5p. Other notable changes

included Dragon Oil, up 8p Gas rising 7p to 56p, after the offer from Ramco

Monument Oil & Gas was up just ½p to 83½p after the appointment of a new exploration director.

BRITISH FUNDS

by the flow of drilling news. though Jonathan Wright, an analyst with Merrill Lynch, says the trend has been lacklustre recently.

He remains postive on the sector in the long term, given the success of UK companies in the Far East and newer areas such as

are significant players, but catching up as the quality

of management improves.

Mr Wright is a buyer of Cairn Energy, which dip-ped 8p to 497p, and Lasmo.

New York (midday):

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Singapore Brussels: 40512, while among smaller groups Wm Morrison Super-

to 210p. Somerfield put on 2p T&N, the automotive products group, facing a bid from Federal-Mogul, rose a further llp to 25312p, on talk of a

markets was lifted 12p higher

higher offer. Break-up speculation fired shares in Hambros, the merchant bank, 1512p higher to 24212p while Close Brothers ended 2p higher at 4821ap after year-end figures marked its twenty-second year of unbroken profits growth.

Insurers were again strong, helped by current gilt valua-tions. Commercial Union stood out with a 32p jump to 81812p, while General Accident rose 1712p to £10.9712.

Oasis Stores, where Michael Bennett is chairman and chief executive, fell back 1912p to 245p after reporting a drop in first-half profits and a decline in current like-for-like sales. Other retailers felt the chill, with Next down 1912p to 736p. Despite Oasis's profits slide, some analysts remain long-term buyers of the stock, which they say looks inexpensive. Storehouse jumped 7p to 25012p with whispers of bid

interest resurfacing. Among other retailers W H Smith dipped 512p lower to 365p in reaction to Tesco's plans to cut magazine prices. Hogg Robinson jumped 1212p to 23712p after the £23 million sale of its transport

News of expansion into the US helped Flying Flowers 812p higher to 37912p.

AlM-quoted Electrohoreties put on 312p to 45p after recent comment, while Science Systems, which floated last week, jumped 2p to

152¹2D. □ GILT-EDGED: The market was more settled after last Friday's strong rises. The December series of the long gilt closed down 14 ticks at £119432 on a volume of 88,000 contracts traded.

At the long end Treasury 8 per cent 2015 eased back £1332. at Ell42532, while Treasury 8

□ NEW YORK: Blue chips recovered from morning losses to move higher, with no major fresh news influencing the modest recovery. By mid-day the Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 16.70 points at 7,938.88.

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Close to the top

THE rise and rise of Close Brothers continues unabated. Last year's addition of the Hill Samuel corporate finance team and another record year from Winterflood Securities helped to lift pre-tax profits by 23 per cent to £55.4 million, making it 22 years of unbroken growth - a remarkable record for a financial business. Close has quadrupled its investors' money over the past five years.

Although the group has long outgrown the "mini merchant bank" tag. it remains a collection of niche businesses. Whether Close is financing the purchase of German printing equipment, running venture capital trusts. or making markets in small company shares. it is strong in areas that are too small to attract much competition from the big boys. The benefit is seen in the healthy margins that management is so keen to maintain.

Winterflood, which was bought for only £19 million four years ago, continues to look an absolute steal, having made operating profits last year of perhaps £23 million. The worry is what happens when the bull market ends.

The group's profit-related bonus schemes, which help to explain expenses that ballooned from E51.1 million to £69.8 million, offer some downside protection; only a quarter of Winterflood's costs are reckoned to be fixed. The breadth of Close Brothers's 17 businesses. its move to build up fee income from the likes of investment management, and its continued confidence in its future are all reassuring.

The environment for banking businesses will not always be so benign. The quality of the record deserves support from existing holders. But it is too late for newcomers to clamber aboard.

McKechnie

ANDREW WALKER has had to grapple with a few unpleasant tasks since taking over as chief executive at McKechnie in March.

The group was laudably quick to tell investors about the £4 million charge of abandoning a contract in the US, even though it meant his arrival was followed a drop in the share price.

Mr Walker has continued tidying up leaky Australasian operations to breakeven point. The group is not alone in hoping that the Sydney Olympics will stimulate moribund sales of hous-

ing-related products. Treating the US cost as an exceptional raised evebrows (is anything a normal trading loss these days? L but the profits from the acquisition last August of Daus have impressed. Aerospace and

own processes - like Jeeves UK consumer products will

organically What Mr Walker needs is year without any slip-ups inherited or otherwise to test his strategy of becoming "a supplier's supplier to

continue

Blue Chip customers This involves much more input on the design of commaking discreet corrections to his master's wardrobe. This has already led to

greater capital expenditure on specialised and engineered plastics, rather than the more straightforward consumer division, which is unlikely to be sold while markets continue to improve. Hold.



Newsquest

A COUPLE of years ago it would have been difficult to persuade many people to get excited about local and regional newspapers. Print, the mantra went, was mature, and nothing was more mature than titles that, in some cases, were more than 100 years old. Yesterday Jim Brown, chairman of Newsquest, denounced such views as "nonsense" - with some

iustice. Newsquest believes that local newspapers will not be swept away by the Internet and all things electronic but will be a crucial part of such a revolution, when, and if. it gathers pace. In the meantime, falling newsprint prices and the thought of all tha cashflow - are making local newspapers suddenly fash-

ionable once again. This should help News-quest and its backers to price its shares towards the upper end of the 250p-to-290p range. With floats thin on the

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ground, it will certainly not have to fight for the institutions' attention. Only around 37 per cent of the company is on offer, so the shares could receive a boost from investors keen to get into the sector.

Don't look for any acquisition spree. Although obvious-ly willing to look at the right business at the right price. Mr Brown was notably cautious on acquisition plans. Compared with the other specialist regional groups. Newsquest looks reasonable value, particularly if, as promised yesterday, more can be done with its West-

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minster Press business.

ONE certainly cannot fault in the Premiership and holding its own in Europe after winning the Coca-Cola Cup. the club has rarely done better. If ever anyone was going to pay £24 million for it, this is the moment.

Leicester says that it de-

rives nearly half its £18 million turnover from activities outside football, and boasts that it even manufactures the players' shirts — as if this were proof enough that the club is ready for the financial scrutiny of the outside world. The club is less keen to discuss the pre-tax losses of £3.5 million that result from its transfer dealings.

Despite its current on-field success. Leicester City does not enjoy the widespread support that makes Manchester United such a valuable franchise.

The money that the club makes from catering and conferences is unlikely to be enough on its own, and its fan base is too narrow to attract hugely lucrative tele-

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Tony Blair makes his first speech as Prime Minister to Labour's annual conference today against the background of a new policy commitment the declaration by Gordon Brown, his Chancellor, of the Government's backing for full employment.

The Chancellor was unequiyocal yesterday in his speech to the conference in Brighton. He said the Government would pursue "employment opportunities for all, in every part of the United Kingdom. Full employment for the 21st century - that is the ambition of decentminded people everywhere."

Full employment. Why is it for some a near-talismanic objective of policy? It is a phrase redolent of history, and steeped in Labourism. It stems from the 1944 White Paper on Employment from Sir William Beveridge, the great social re-former, which set as a goal for economic policy a "high and stable level of employment".

Keynesian economics pur-

What Brown means when he talks about full employment

the wake of the White Paper saw precisely that objective being sustained: unemploy ment in the 1950s and 1960s was at levels so low as to appear staggering now after the high unemployment of the 1980s and 1990s. When Labour was last in power, unemployment above one million seemed politically inconceivable.

Full employment as a policy objective began to unravel with the rise of inflation in the 1970s, and was abandoned as a goal by the Conservatives after 1979. For Labour, shifting away from the objective of full employment was a more painful experience. It began to disappear under the leadership of Neil Kinnock, who would refer only to "modern full employment", and Labour leaders have been

chary of it until Mr Brown's pronouncement yesterday. With good reason. Full employment used to mean as many jobs for full-time male manual workers as there were full-time male manual workers wanting them. That idea cannot be embraced by any political leader today, simply because changes in the labour

market no longer allow it. Women now constitute 44 per cent of the economically active workforce, according to figures drawn from the Govemment's Labour Force Survey. While many of the jobs taken by women still tend to be lower-paid, and are often parttime, the move of women into the workforce cannot be undone. So if the old notion of full

reviving the phrase from Labour's historical canon? Bringing the notion of full

employment in from the cold is partly cosmetic. It helps to get people like John Edmonds. leader of the GMB union, off the Government's back. But while welcoming the move, they will be guarded until they see what the phrase means in terms of the economic policies that Mr Brown will pursue.

team mean by full employment broadly this: anyone wanting a job should have the opportunity of being able to get one. What the Chancellor wants is a new concentration on employment, on jobs, rather than on unem-

ployment, on people being without work. The new talk of full employment specifically avoids targets, either in terms of further falls in the number of people out of work, or in the number of those in jobs.

Full employment in practice, of course, cannot and will not mean the end of unemploy ment. Even in Keynesian full employment, unemployment was always envisaged as con-tinuing — so-called "frictional" unemployment, as people moved from job to job.

That happens now. Take a dover in Hampshire. Surrounded by rich farming country side, hooved by the presence of the Army on Salisbury Plain. and ringed now by thriving

ver and its surrounding travelto-work area currently enjoys an unemployment rate of just

The effect of this is to see employers all but fighting each other to get staff. Skill shortages are a constant feature of ife, allowing employees often to pick and choose what work they want to do and forcing up salaries. Recruitment agencies report that demand for labour is buoyant, and the tills in the shops in the town's Chantry shopping centre reflect that. But unemployment is unlikely

to disappear completely. Long-term unemployment, at about half a million people out of work for more than a year, is still a more serious problem in the UK than elsewhere in Europe. Ministers now talk of rebalancing the Government's New Deal welfare-to-work job subsidy programme, to target more money from the £3.5 billion windfall tax on the long-term out of work and less on the voung unemployed.

man of the business with David Webster, chairman of

Safeway, and Colin Smith.

chief executive of Safeway,

would have become either deputy chairman or group

This scenario has the unfor-

tunate effect of making Safeway look rather foolish,

and therefore even more vul-

nerable. Its shares were 9p

higher yesterday on specula-

tion that it is a takeover target,

with some analysts warming

to the notion that Marks &

Spencer could acquire it in

order to become a major food

retailer. Both Safeway and

Marks & Spencer poured cold

A foreign company could

make a move, although ac-

cording to one analyst: "There

are only three companies in

Europe big enough to buy

Safeway — Carrefour in France, Ahold in The

Walmart is mentioned as a

to buy a smaller food retailer,

but there are few that are both

attractive and available. York-

shire-based Morrisons rose

tent that the public would benefit, as the £200 million to

be made in savings through

putting operations together could be spent on price cuts. Paul Smiddy analyst at Credit

Lyonnais Laing, said: "Safeway is still clinging to a

hope. Even if Asda says it is all

off, it would be surprising if senior management didn't

have a few chats over the next

Frustrating as it must be.

there is no question that

Safeway's efforts to jump into

the truly big time have gone

badly wrong. As one analyst

put it yesterday: "Safeway stuck their foot out, and then

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PHILIP BASSETT

No name just images of Boddies

ow do you tell your chief executive that the new million pound advertising campaign will not actually men

tion the name of the brand?
"You present the advertising and then say, 'Oh, by the way, there's no brand name," said John Derkach, Whitbread Beers marketing director, the man behind the new Boddingtons campaign. The new advertisements which will appear over the autumn, make a play on images of cream, reflecting Boddington's long use of the catchphrase "the cream of Manchester". The traditional

yellow strip, logo and brand name have been removed. Research conducted by Bartle Bogle Hegarty, the advertising agency, revealed that 75 per cent of consumers knew that the campaign was for Boddingtons. "Consumers take in more when they have to work it out. People felt particularly rewarded when they worked out the crème caramel pun," said Steve Kershaw, group direc-

tor of Bartle Bogle Hegarty. Piers Schmidt, director of Newell and Sorrell, the brand consultancy that is

currently ad-vising BA, believes that more companies will start to use noname advertis ing. "Consumers are becoming a lot more sophisticated ies are looking beyond the

conventional to appeal to Boddingtons ads appeal to our detective-like qualities. The Boddies drinker thinks I'm not a thick idiot that needs advertising poured down my throat. You're talking to me as if you understand me."

Netherlands and Metro in With this latest campaign Boddingtons has joined an Germany — and none of them is likely to do it." Out of elite group of no-name adv companies in the US. ertisers, including Silk Cut, Benson & Hedges and, most famously, Nike, which relies possible buyer but is again. on a symbol known as the Safeway's response could be swoosh to promote its products throughout the world. Research by TBWA Simons Palmer, Nike's British

advertising agency, revealed

12p yesterday on speculation that it could be bought, but, as that at least 80 per cent of consumers recognise the one analyst put it. "It is not swoosh as standing for necessarily available, would Nike, more than the recognistill have to get past the OFT, and it would not make you tion for McDonald's golden arches. "We knew that if we could brand the advertising The other possibility is that, without the word Nike it somehow, Safeway will still would look very stylish," manage to make the deal said Peter Bracegirdle, the Nike account director. In a happen. The company is still clearly convinced of the logic television commercial feabehind the idea and is insis-



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turing the Blur song Parklife, the only accompaniment to the swoosh Nike's catchline: "Just do it". Nike refuses to reveal its advertising spend, but it is believed to be in the region of about £10 million a year in Britain, not much compared with similar brands of

But before companies jettison their existing advertis-ing in favour of no-name campaigns, some words of warning - it will only work if your advertising is very famous. Katriona Campbell.

> Interbrand. the consultanname advertising must tie in with previous campaigns the name. In Boddingtons, Manchester"

campaign has been running for six years and there have been 37 images, all in the same vein. "Very few brands and campaigns are strong enough to do this," said Campbell.

No-name advertising is a risky tactic, but when it works the impact is tremendous. Most companies can only dream of advertising recall levels of 75 per cent.

☐ Marketing directors, once fashionable figures in the boardroom, are suffering a mid-life crisis. Research by The Marketing Society reveals that they are worried threatened by interference from other directors. The sales department is also critical. New research by NHA International, the sales management firm, re-veals that 75 per cent of sales directors believe that their marketing departments do not understand customers and 10 per cent say relations between marketing and

Safeway ambitions left on the shelf after merger talks fail

Ensuring the big deals add up is far

from simple, says Sarah

Cunningham

Asda and Safeway would have given sector a huge kick in the Sainsbury would have been forced to watch as the merged companies - currently numbers three and four in the pecking order catapulted into the number one spot, while consumers would have become involved as a new price war

With the talks off, nothing has really changed except people's perceptions, and they have altered markedly. Asda has clearly failed in its latest attempt to branch out while Safeway has gone from being a respected and dogged performer to looking very vulnerable to takeover. According to Richard Hyman of the Verdict retail consultancy: "Safeway now appears to lack confidence about their position, but

their options are limited." The failure of the talks after months of negotiations shows how hard it is to make the big deals gel. There are many problems to overcome, ranging from dealing with differences of culture between any two large companies, to the question of who would run the merged business, and requirement of all - getting any major merger proposal past the Department of

Trade and Industry.

According to both sides, it was the likelihood that thebid would be referred by the Office of Fair Trading to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that caused the deal to be shelved. Informal soundings of the OFT had suggested that a referral was likely, and the appearance of weekend press reports that a deal was



The future of Safeway, which pioneered self-scanning, looks vulnerable with the Asda deal now in limbo

imminent meant that the usual high-level confidential guidance would not be forthcoming. With Asda feeling 90 per cent certain that a referral would occur and Safeway unwilling to risk the disrup tion to business it would talks were simply entail, halted.

The prospect of spending four to six months in suspense, not taking decisions on whether to apply for planning permission on new sites or on new marketing campaigns, while Tesco continued to romp off with more market share and Sainsbury's continued its tentative recovery, was too much for both to bear.

This is not to say that either side thought the deal would be blocked in the end. In fact both were confident it would get through. There is relatively little regional overlap between the two businesses. The North East of England and Scotland are the exceptions. In the latter, the two would have had about 35 per cent market share. On overall market

share they would between them have only slightly more market share than Tesco, which claims about 15 per cent of the total. In Asda's view it was the sheer size of the deal. and the number of employees and consumers affected, that would have made a referral

almost inevitable. The fact that a deal was so seriously discussed, even if it

Source: Verdict Analysis

eventually failed, has changed the perception of every company in the sector to some degree. Tesco is still very much the leader, but for the first time it has become apparent that it could have lost that position. J Sainsbury, weakened by several years of underperformance, could have been badly hurt. They will both be mightily relieved

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though still nowered by very high-margin clothing business. But most vulnerable of industry insider puts it "has

The two sides have taken a very different view about what a merger would have meant. According to Safeway, the questions of where the business was headquartered, who would have been chief executive and what the stores would be called were never discussed. The other side reckons that the stores would have been renamed Asda, the business would have been located in Asda House in Leeds and Allan Leighton, chief executive of Asda, would have done the

protagonists, Asda has now failed to secure two deals — the first to buy Welcome Break from Granada — and appears increasingly directionless alstrong sales growth and by its all is Safeway, which as one put a large for sale sign above its head"

same job for the larger group. Archie Norman, Tory politi-cian and chairman of Asda.

IMPULSE PURCHASE?

island company n. 1 companion of Robinson Crusoe 2 a desert island disc 3 an overseas company incorporated in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

concert parties n. 1 bunfight which typically involves a large number of musicians 2 group of persons acting in concert to acquire a company's shares.

close company n. 1 organisation which lacks either windows or air-conditioning 2 a company which for the purposes of corporation tax is considered to be under the control of five or fewer participators.

pyramid selling n. 1 time-share operation run by ancient Egyptians (usu. I week for 5,000 years) 2 a system of selling goods in which agency rights are sold on to an increasing number of distributors.

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Excellent with Safeway's cheese, it says. Are they trying to tell us something?

BY A pleasing irony Safeway sponsored — I think this means they paid for all the drink - a party last night for all the new Labour MPs. As opposed to all new Labour MPs, if you see what I mean. Plus Blair, Prescott, David Webster, Safeway's chairman, and Colin Smith, its miserable chief executive. Well, he sounded miserable yesterday. The party was entertained by spoof ads featuring those cutesie-pie toddlers. Harry and Molly. Harry: "Why

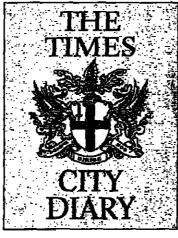


Safeway, sponsors of the party for new Labour MPs

doesn't Tony Banks like doing the football pools." Molly: "Because he hates ticking the 'No Publicity' box." Harry: "Well, John, I'm sure everyone would like to thank you for that rousing speech . . . " (yawn). Boom, boom. Oddly enough, noth-

ing about Margaret Beckett, a politician Safeway has every reason to stay on the right side of I could tell them a good joke from the time she appeared on TV opposite some Tory minister. Jonathan Aitken I do believe, and the interviewer burbled something about her claims coming "from the horse's mouth". Aitken looked at Beckett. And laughed Such a nice man. Safeway is sponsoring a crèche at Brighton, presumably because the younger ones of the new intake can get a bit fractious near bedtime, and one at the Tory Party conference. Cue Harry: "At least William Hague will have somewhere to go."

 NOW the Diana effect has joined the National Lottery and the soaring pound as catch-all excuses for profit warnings, clever management will have to look further afield. Might I suggest El Niño, the mysterious disturbance of the ocean currents that happens every dozen years or so and is being blamed for the Indonesian smog. The great thing about El Niño is: a) it is dimly understood; b) its



effects are impossible to predict; and c) they can be felt half a globe away. A mysterious fall in sales of women's garments might be the least of them.

Tooting beckons

ANOTHER story reaches me from the Labour conference. The term "chicken run" was cleverly coined by the party in opposition to describe Tory MPs who foresaw their fate and tried to identify their fellows planning not to stand in the last election. It has not escaped the notice of Blair's bright young things that the majority in the next election is not going to be as commanding, which means that most of those fresh faces that slew a few Tory giants will not be around

for long. Which explains a sudden interest in the safe constituency of Tooting, south London, where the MP for more years than anyone can remember, Torn Cox, could be heading for the Lords. Spotted checking out local property prices: one highly-placed Young Fabian, as yet not an MP, and at least one household name giantkiller. May the best man win.

● PERHAPS Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse need all the help they can get. Both lost to Lloyd's of London at the Reuters rugby sevens at Richmond over the weekend. Coopers lost 43-0 — admittedly in the final. Perhaps if they field a merged side next year? The event attracted 1.500 people and raised £12,000 for children's medical research.

A charming vignette from the day's play. A tannoy announcement: "Will Uncle Timmy please come and pick up little Alexia." Then, rather louder, a child's voice can be heard: "Come on, Uncle Timmy!" My companion snorts. "Probably getting smashed somewhere, and forgotten he's brought his niece." Not so: Uncle Timmy was absent because he was murdering Flemings 40 points to 7 on behalf of Liberty.

Watery grave

AN ODDLY ageing business, turning all those taps on and off. The sec-ond senior water industry executive in less than a week has announced he

is tottering off to early retirement at the age of 52. Thames handed one of theirs his gold watch last week, and the giant farewell card is now doing the rounds of Yorkshire's offices for Brian Wilson, the finance director. I am required to scotch three ru-

shot themselves in it."

mours. He will not be rejoining the Beach Boys. He is not off to spend millions made on share options - at Yorkshire they don't get any. And he has not finally revolted at sharing an office with Trevor Newton, the Yorkshire director who famously never takes a bath. Newton himself retired · almost a year ago.

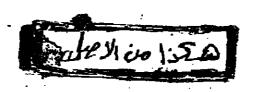
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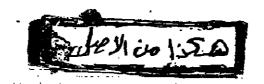
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FOUR carriage-loads of businessmen and women, many seeking to export for the first time, will travel by Eurostar to trade shows in Paris

The trip has been organised jointly by the Department of Trade and Industry and Lloyds Bank. If it is successful, it will be repeated to other European destinations.

The DTI approached Lloyds with the idea after working with the bank on several seminars on exporting and marketing for small businesses. The trip will include 100 Lloyds customers drawn from all over Britain and 100 businesses applying through Business Links. Most of the places have already

been snapped up for the one-day trip from Waterloo station, London, on October 15, but there is still room for applicants. Tickets France was chosen partly because it is a leading export market taking £17 billion of British

all be held at the same time. Visitors on the trip will split between automotive, electronics.

interior decorating, international

goods per year, and partly because five major annual trade shows will

chance to talk to businesses that trade successfully with France.

Among the Lloyds Bank customers making the crossing is a Liverpool company making up-market shower units that fire jets of

tourism and technology. Com-

panies selling consumer goods will

On the way over the travellers will receive practical help and

guidance from experts and get the

have the chance to visit stores.

water from all four corners of the cubicles. It already exports to America but is looking to break into the continental market. Other companies have only begun to think about exporting. The DTI and Lloyds Bank have targeted small and medium-sized com-

panies that believe barriers such as

language will prevent them from selling abroad. Anthony Lunch, the DTI's export promoter for France, says: "It is the UK's third-largest export market and there is a good deal of untapped potential. Many com-panies that trade well in the UK are not sure how to sell their product or

service abroad." Michael Riding, managing director of Lloyds Bank Commercial



Anthony Lunch, left, and Michael Riding, will be taking business people to France on the Eurostar

Service, says: "Discovering new markets is a major barrier for many companies, yet only 50 per cent of UK businesses export. We are trying to get people at an early stage across a wide range of

businesses. When you have got a helps to be part of a business whole group like that together they will encourage each other and provide mutual support."

He added: "If you are thinking of selling overseas for the first time it

party."
Brochures and booking forms for the "Starburst Express" are available from the DTI's French Desk

exhibition to launch the first stage

of an expansion programme. Hammicks decided this month to

turn to franchising as part of its strategy to meet the competition

that is threatening traditional

bookshops since the ending of the

about £165,000, including a personal input of £60,000, will be

Upbeat project to help retailers

SMALL retailers in North London are to be helped by European money in their fight to regain trade lost to large shopping

Profits in many high streets have been cut by the booming complexes, and North London has suffered particularly badly since Brent Cross was built on its doorstep and Lakeside was established 30 minutes' drive away in

Thurrock, Essex. The European Commission has pumped more than £600,000 into a two-year initiative called Upbeat - the Urban Partnership in Barnet and Enfield to Adapt Town Centres - under its Adapt scheme, aimed at helping employers and employees to meet change and to improve traders'

competitiveness. Upbeat, budgeted at £1.45 million and led by the North London Chamber of Commerce, will start on January 1, targeting 11 shopping centres in Barnet and four in Enfield.

The project will give training in business planning, marketing, customer service and new technology. Centres offering advice and guidance for small businesses are planned for the selected areas.

Upbeat project, said: "Perhaps the smaller retailers have lost out on training, but they have got to go prepared into the 21st century."

The training could cover anything from better presentation to improving telephone techniques. Retailers may be encouraged to stay open later to compete with the big centres.

Another reason for helping the high streets is that people may soon be deterred from travelling by traffic jams and will return to their

One condition of the Adapt funding is that partners are found in other European Union countries. The Upbeat organisers will exchange information with towns facing similar problems in France, Italy and Greece.

Upbeat's contributors include Barnet and Enfield councils, Barnet College, Boots, ICL and the North London Training and Enterprise Council.

In Barnet the council has given Upbeat a head-start with a separate £1 million scheme to improve shopping centres.

Another Adapt beneficiary is neighbouring Haringey, where the council has been granted £225,000 for the revival of Wood Green Peter Starling, manager of the

Record numbers expected at franchise show

expected to put up 35 per cent of the

Wimpy and Domino's Pizza.

THIS year's National Franchise Exhibition, opening at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on Friday, will be

More than 200 exhibitors have booked stands, beating last year's record of just under 200, when 12,000 visitors were attracted to the three-day event. A series of free seminars will run alongside the exhibition. Sir Bernard Ingham, the chief press secretary of Margaret Thatcher when she was Prime Minister and now president of the British Franchise Association, will open the event. The association is sponsoring the show, which is

organised by Miller Freeman. Investments start at £3,000 but can be much higher for wellestablished names and for those that involve buying property.

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owned by Grand Metropolitan, will be exhibiting at the annual event for the first time. About 80 per cent of its 430 UK restaurants are franchised. Franchises cost a one-off fee of about £26,000 plus a 5 per cent royalty on all sales. The average cost of premises is

£450,000 and the franchisee is

THE organisers of the franchise want to ask and bring a notepad chises carefully and ask to speak exhibition have issued a set of

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Take time to consider fran-

and Dyno-Rod. They will be joined by the high street banks.

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Christopher Jones, 20, was named Britain's most enterprising student for devising an ink management policy for Clear View Ltd, a small firm of flexible packing suppliers in Hornsey, North London, during an eight-week project assignment in the summer vacation.

Mr Jones, of Wood Green, who is studying astrophysics at University College London, was one of 1,539 students taking part in the Shell Technology Enterprise Programme — the largest so far. He won his £1,000 prize for assessing unlabelled stock, cataloguing surplus supplies and looking at ways to re-use them. This has saved the firm money and space, and created a full-time job for a chemist.

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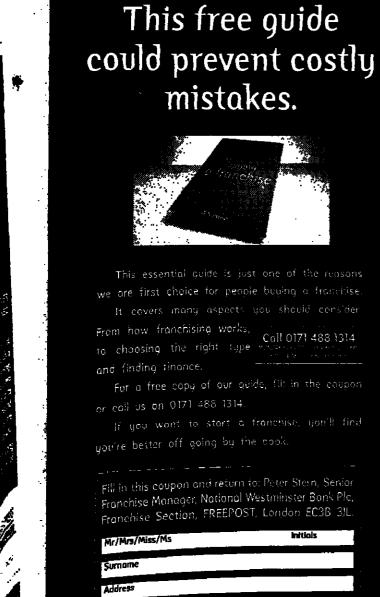
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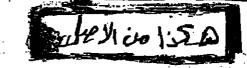
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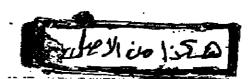
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nyone who saw the remains of the car in which Diana, Princess of Wales, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul, died will have had their own thoughts. As time passes, some may reflect upon the safety of their Mercedes and the fact that it provided sufficient protection to save any of the passengers' lives in a crash at that speed. The bodyguard survived not only from the construction of the car, but also the seatbelt and airbag.

For many, this is the level of safety and protection that they have come to expect. For the legal profession the more pertinent question is the extent to which car manufacturers may face increasing pressure to produce vehicles that meet these expectations.

Most people have read about the various tests that manufacturers undertake when developing vehicles. Everyone has seen the shots of the test dummies in slow motion. We have "faith" in the manufacturers and for them this is the dilemma. How safe can they make cars? How safe

The difficulty for car manufacturers lies in the culture that they play only a part in developing. All cars could be made "safer". A limitation on top speed or the replacement of the steering wheel with a "joystick" control set off to the side would both greatly reduce the number of accidents each year. Chest injuries caused by the driver's collision with the steering wheel is still a major cause of injury.

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The problem lies in the public's acceptance of these ideas and the according benefit to the industry. The manufacturers are faced with a dilemma. They have to compromise and balance the consumers' demands, including the call for lower prices, with the need to develop safer vehicles. Additional safety costs money. Even accepted safety features, including side impact protection and airbags, increase costs without neces-

sarily increasing sales. The problem facing the manufacturers rests with the fact that the question of safety



The Mercedes in which Diana, Princess of Wales, died, calls into question the safety of the majority of vehicles

is not judged against an objective, fixed or technical standard. It involves a moveable feast. The views of the consumer form the standard of safety applied by the courts and therefore change with the

There is evidence that they take safety seriously; although not to so, of course, could give rise to claims. In May 1992, product recalls included: 864 new Porsche cars a potential "cruise control" problem (US); cheaper 120,000 Galf. and. Vento models because of faulty

electrical cables by Volkswagen (US); and 170,000 Citroen BX owners asked to take cars in for free brake checks (UK). Quite apart from any con-

tractual liability manufacturers face claims by consumers under the Consumer Protection Act 1987 which implemented the 1985 Product

(85/374/EEC). Liability under the Consumer Protection Act is identified in Article I. "The producer shall be liable for damage caused by a defect in its product."

It was by virtue of the

introduction of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 that the concept of a strict liability was intro-Makers duced in relation to consumers' claims. The Act identifies a need to product as defertive if it "does not develop provide the safety which a person is safer but entitled to expect,

having regard to

the product". This involves the introduction of an objective standard which is entirely dependent upon the public understanding of safety. The "presentation" includes the

manufacturers' advertising. For the above reasons motor manufacturers face the possibility of being judged against a which they have largely formed through the media.

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the construction of their vehi-

cles, most accidents are caused

by the driver and not by the

vehicle. Unrealistic expecta-

tions diminish the drivers'

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cle safely. In the long term the

public's expectations in rela-

tion to vehicle safety will

almost certainly exceed the

efforts made by the manufac-

it may be worth noting the

need to temper advertising in

relation to vehicle safety

against the very real fact that

in the end a vehicle is only as

sale as the person who is

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turers themselves.

behind the wheel...

The introduction of the "Kill Speed" campaign illustrates a further problem. The public's belief in the cocooned safety of modern vehicles has led to a feeling that a crash at 60, 70 or even 120 miles per hour is a survivable event as long as seatbelts and airbags are in place. They are wrong.

It is therefore essential that manufacturers take stock, step back from the glossy campaigns and keep safety in perspective. If they do not, they have to take their share of the blame as more drivers exceed. the speed limit with greater regularity and risk facing claims on the basis that vehipublic are "entitled to expect".

Likewise, the Government should continue to be at the vanguard of safety developments. We should learn from the benefits that were obtained from the "compulsory" introduction of seatbelts.

It is of course important that consumers understand that while manufacturers appreci-

The problem with the thin grey line

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announced plans to speed up the criminal justice system. Our adversarial system is roundly criticised for failing to deliver guilty people to justice. As an example of this, an editorial in Police Review supported a reduction in the disclosure to the defence of material obtained during the police investigation. It claimed that defence lawyers used such material to concoct defences, bamboozle juries and discredit police officers.

It is not surprising that sections of the public believe that our criminal justice sys-tem is characterised by defendants who, encouraged by their lawyers and at great expense to the taxpayer, protest their innocence at jury trials, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. A police officer writing in Police Review once likened the prosecution and the defence to medieval

knights, fighting it out until the bitter end.

The facts show that this picture of the criminal justice system is far from the truth. The system is built upon agreement rather than resistance. Most suspects do not ask for legal representation in the police station. Instead of maintaining their innocence, the vast majority of defendants plead guilty. Most of the trials which take place are decided by magistrates, not jurors. Defence solicitors are in the main paid a standard fee which penalises them for spinning out a case unnecessarily.

For every nine cases which are completed in the magistrates' court, only one is sent to the Crown Court. Out of a group of ten magistrates

court defendants, eight will plead guilty, one will be convicted in his or her absence and only one will take part in a trial. Only one in four of those who are tried will be acquitted: a mere 2 per cent of the total caseload. Only 1 per cent of the one million cases which are decided by magistrates each year go on to an

In the Crown Court, the position is much the same. A similarly high proportion of defendants plead guilty. Of those who do not, 60 per cent are convicted, at a trial which is unlikely to last more than one day.

The Government has just announced that it will accept most of the recommendations of the Review of the Delay in the Criminal Justice System (the Narey Report) to speed up justice. These include dealing with "straight-forward guilty plea cases" the day after charge (rather than bailing the defendant to appear in court some weeks later) and allowing non-lawyers employed by the CPS

should be brought and present uncontested cases in the magistrates' court. These prosecutors will be based permanently in police stations, putting their independence to the test. As many as two thirds of magistrates' court cases could be completed in this way.

Courts are already required to consider rewarding an early guilty plea with a reduced sentence. From tomorrow, the Government will implement a new mode of trial provisions, under which defendants will be asked to indicate whether they are guilty or not before a decision is made about whether the case should be sent to the Crown Court.

Moves to speed up criminal cases should be supported. But our criminal justice system relies heavily upon the compliance of those whom it accuses. With an unashamedly

partisan police service, these changes make it even more important that visible safeguards exist to ensure that innocent defendants are not pressured into pleading guilty because they mistak-enly believe that this is the best or the only course to

Defendants need to be advised whether they are guilty in law, whether there s adequate evidence against them, and how they can defend themselves. Defence solicitors, who currently give this advice, are the thin grey line who stand between the innocent defendant and a mistaken plea of guilty.

The importance of the solicitor's role is not matched by the information on which the solicitor is expected to base his or her advice. In the

police station the investigator will disclose as little of the police case as possible. At court, the solicitor will only be given a "short descriptive note" of the interview with the defendant and the few witness statements which will be in the "super abbreviated file".

In a consultation paper published last year, the Labour Party proposed the withdrawal of publicly funded legal representation from youth courts "where the defendant admitted the charge or there was no serious dispute over the facts surrounding an offence". They now promise fundamental changes for youth courts and the entire criminal justice process is under almost continuous review. Dangerous talk that defence lawyers obstruct justice, combined with a wish to speed cases up, must not mislead the Government into thinking that it can dispense with this thin grey line in uncontested cases and still have any sort of justice system.

• The author is the Secretary of the Law Society's

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ate the virtues of various Liability Directive public standard of safety Fat cat medical law and ethics at King's College, London. ken-nedy is to join its new School attack of Public Policy. He takes up

THE Bar may think twice about inviting a politician as their speaker next year. Home Office assurances that Jack Straw's speech was a "vision of criminal justice in the 21st century" gave no hint as to his attack on "fat cat" legal aid lawyers. Robert Owen, QC.

the Bar Chairman, first heard of the comments on morning news bulletins. Of course, the onslaught eclipsed Mr Owen's own warning to the Government not to proceed with expanding "no win, no fee" work without more research. He effectively accused Geoff Hoon, junior Minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department, of citing a report on the scheme selectively and over-looking problems raised.

Vice position

HEATHER HALLETT, QC. is poised to become Bar Chairman at the end of the year. But who will succeed her as vicechairman? Nominations close this week but names in the ring include an unprecedented number of silks. Two commercial QCs, Julian Malins and Jonathan Hirst, are in the running, as is one of the country's top personal injury barristers, Daniel Brennan, and the criminal practitioner and Western Circuit leader Nigel Pascoe, who chairs the Bar's



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public relations committee. Predicting the outcome is never easy, but on paper at least Mr Hirst, chairman of the Bar Council's influential professional standards committee and a member of Brick Court Chambers, which specialises in producing leaders of the Bar Council, would appear to be the obvious choice.

Eye on the ball THE Equal Opportunities Commission is backing a claim of sex discrimination

against the Football Associ-

ation. The claim is being brought by Vanessa Hard-wick, who has tried twice to obtain the FA advanced coaching licence. Ms Hardwick, a PE teacher, needs to obtain the licence to develop a career in football coaching and she be-lieves the refusal is because she is a woman.

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luring Professor Ronald Dworkin, who holds the chair of jurisprudence at Oxford University (as well as a chair at New York University) to come to its Quain chair of jurisprudence. Both men are leaders in their field — Kennedy in medico-legal matters and Dworkin as a commentator on common law, legal and moral philosophy.

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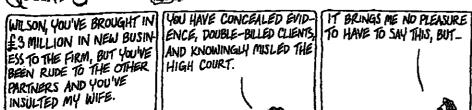
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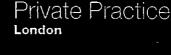
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* The challenge is to provide justice for all in Britain

Could better education about the law help individuals to solve their own

problems? Roger Smith reports

The Lord Chancellor will shortly make a series of key decisions that will transform the £1.5 billion legal aid scheme. To keep within inherited spending estimates, expenditure must be wrestled to a halt. This can be done only by radical change to the present demand-led budger. In doing this, heed must also be paid to less visible political imperatives: the improvement and reshaping of services.

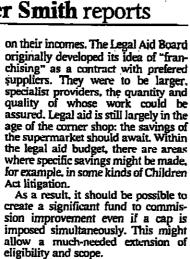
Lord Irvine of Lairg does not want for advice. He inherits the previous administration's blueprint for reform, released as a White Paper last summer. In the fashion of his Government, the Lord Chancellor has also commissioned his own review. To do this, he chose Sir Peter Middleton, chairman of Barclays Bank and former Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, thereby giving a prenty clear

message. Mechanisms will doubtless be found for controlling the budget. Less evident is acceptance of the need radically to improve services. Civil legal aid is a mess at almost every level. Eligibility is so low that solicitors have to tell significant numbers of victims of domestic violence that they have no effective legal remedy. Contributions can be draconian. A person in receipt of family credit may be required to pay most of it to the Legal Aid Board. Families face coroners' inquests without legal representation. People appear in a range of tribunals without help, even in the most difficult

Remedying these problems requires the reduction of the unit price of existing cases if there is to be no new money. Only this will release the cash for the necessary improvements. Lord Irvine has bravely turned on his own and led public debate of QCs' fees.

A simple reduction of 10 per cent in the annual receipts from legal aid of the top 13 leading counsel nets around £4 million a year alone. More broadly, the earnings of the Bar need to be examined. Legal aid provides about 30 per cent of its total turnover. Barristers achieve levels of income significantly higher than those of solicitors at

comparable levels of seniority. Solicitors cannot escape a squeeze



We need, however, to consider some new services. For example, we can no longer run our courts on the basis that everyone will have lawyers, either privately or publicly funded. Litigants in person are, realistically, here to stay. We need to adapt. The Civil Justice Review in the late 1980s and Lord Woolf last year both recommended duty advice provision to be estab-

lished in all major courts. New

technology, in the shape of such things

as interactive video kiosks, offers the

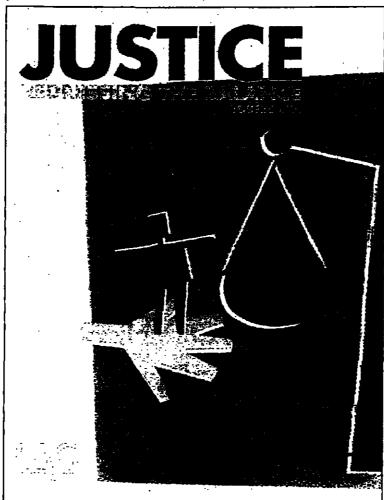
opportunity for helping uncertain

litigants through court procedures. Recognition that people will have to resolve many of their own problems leads to even more fundamental examination of policy. People could do more about solving their own problems with proper education and information about the law. We should be funding expansion of advice ser-

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vices through such initiatives as tollfree telephone numbers where anyone can ring for initial advice and referral. In the United States, increasing use is being made of the Internet and

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RISING DEMAND FOR LEGAL AID

Legal assistance in non-matrimonial civil cases

interactive video kiosks to provide information for citizens.

At its 1995 conference, Labour adopted by acclamation a paper entitled Access to Justice. That argued for the transformation of legal aid into a community legal service. The Legal Action Group adds its advice to the Lord Chancellor on how that document's ideas might be put into practice along the lines above. Debate about the way forward is urgently required. The conclusions of Sir Peter Middleton's report will soon be revealed. More crucially, Lord Irvine's first decisions will be with us for

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Sir Michael Ogden, QC, on compensation tables

Judges clash over damages calculations

hen people are in-jured, courts often have to calculate the cost of care for life or the value of lost earnings for the rest of the victim's working life. This is done by multiply-ing the annual sum needed by the relevant number of years. Before it became common for judges to seek help from experts, they devised a range of such multipliers themselves. But actuaries complained that these were too low. So, with the blessing of the

Lord Chancellor, a working party was set up, drawn from legal and actuarial professions, and I was asked to be chairman. In 1984 we published tables prepared by the Government Actuary's Department (the Actuary was a member of the working par-ty) and approved by all the actuary members. In 1994 these tables were revised in a second edition to take account of increased life expectancy and adjustments for contingencies other than mortality, such as long-term

The idea of the so-called Ogden tables is to avoid the need for expert evidence in most cases. This requires their accuracy to be agreed. The Civil Evidence Act 1995 provides for their admissibility, without proof, and made subsequent changes the responsibility of the Government Actuary, a provision not yet in force.

The object of the Ogden tables is to provide the victim with a capital sum which, when invested, will provide as far as possible for the cost of care or loss of earnings. But there is still a question over what rate of return should be used to calculate damages. The working party - backed by the Law Commission — agreed that the victim should be entitled to invest in the most risk-free fashion; namely, indexlinked government stocks. But the Court of Appeal, in a

trio of recent cases, has



Sir Michael Ogden, QC decided that victims should not be in a better position than ordinary investors in the stock market. A House of Lords decision is pending. It is more a philosophical

question than a point of law. The Damages Act 1996 provides for the rate to be determined by the Lord Chancel-

> The idea is to avoid the need for expert evidence in most cases'

lor after consulting the Government Actuary and the Treasury. This is likely to happen after the Lords' decision and much argument will be saved.

More important is a second issue. There were some comments by Lord Justice Thorpe, a former Family Division judge, in an appendix to the judgment, in which he advocated in place of the Ogden tables a different method of calculating damages (the Duxbury Method) used by family judges for

The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers has accepted the Ogden tables and the Association of British Insurers accepts the actuarial principles involved, even though they have reservations on some details. The insurers' views, who employ about half of all practising actuaries for pension and annuity calculations, will be taken into account in the next edition, which I have agreed

to produce. Furthermore, the view of the Government Actuary is that Duxbury is "unsound, being based on the commonbelieved fallacy that an individual can be definitely expected to live for exactly the imber of years represented by the expectation of life at the relevant age ... [and] results in a systematic and generally unrecognised upwards bias in the awards calculated this way". If the Government Actuary is correct, it is a very serious matter because impliedly all Family Division decisions based on

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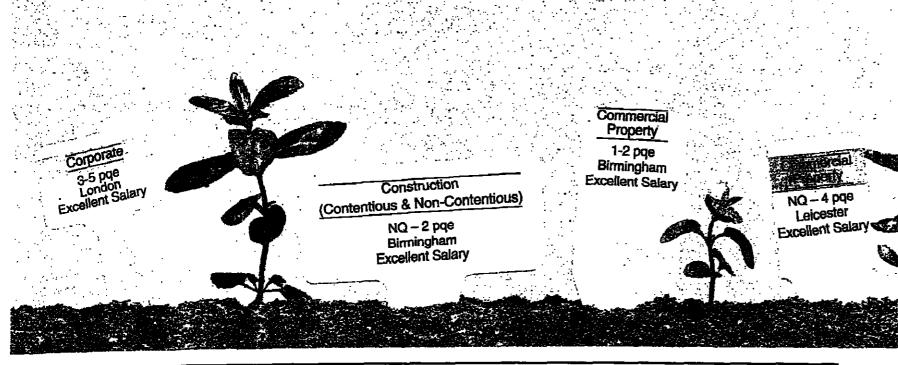
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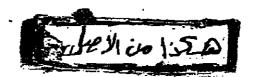
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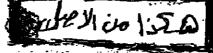
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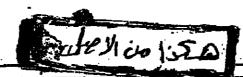
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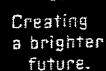
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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Tampa Bay buck the trend with flying start

AT FIRST, it was all something of a novelty. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the team that Jimmy Johnson turned down before he became coach of Miami Dolphins, the team that none of the enthusiasts had marked down even for a berth in the play-offs, won their opening brace of games and most people thought that that would be their 15 minutes

of fame for the season.

Now, though, they have done what only Denver Broncos among the rest of the National Football League (NFL) teams have done and won their first five games. Suddenly, people are talking about them in terms of championship games, even the Super Bowl, and the Buccaneers are getting blase about it all.

After their 19-18 win over Arizona Cardinals on Sunday had propelled them to a scarcely credible 5-0 record. their coach, Tony Dungy, seemed distinctly unimpressed. "A win is a win is a win," he said. "It wasn't pretty. In fact, it was ugly. But we'll take it. It's a sign of maturity when you play poorly and still

The win meant that the Buccaneers matched the best start in the history of the Tampa Bay franchise. The last time that they won their first five games, in 1979, they made it to the National Football

NEW Zealand narrowly failed to snatch victory after

accepting a tempting chall-

enge set by Zimbabwe as the

second and final Test ended

in a draw in Bulawayo yester-

day.
Needing 286 from 68 overs

to win after Zimbabwe had

declared their second innings

at 227 for eight. New Zealand were 202 for three with 15

overs left but collapsed to 275

for eight at the close. The first

Test was also drawn.

Conference championship game, their only appearance in that stage of the play-offs.

The Buccaneers were trailing 18-12 late in the game on Sunday, but took the lead when Trent Dilfer, a quarterback who is rebuilding his own reputation amid Tampa Bay's improbable run of success, rescued a poor perfor-mance with a late touchdown

New England Patriots, one of the other two teams still with a 100 per cent record, did not play on Sunday, but the Broncos maintained their perfect start when they beat the woeful Atlanta Falcons, 29-21, at the Georgia Dome.

The victory was presented as a personal triumph for the Broncos' veteran quarterback, John Elway, in his meeting with Dan Reeves, the former Broncos coach, with whom he had so many bitter disagreements on the way to three Super Bowls. All were lost and Reeves is now in charge of the

Elway threw three touchdown passes and was intercepted once in a match that left the Falcons still searching for their first win and moved Denver to within one victory of the best start in their history. They are averaging 31 points a game and have established themselves as early favourites for the Super Bowl.

New Zealand fall just short

Motor racing: Jacques Ville-

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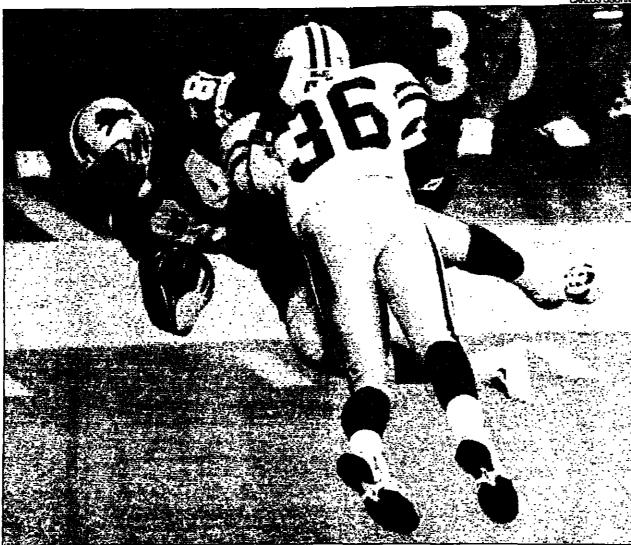
Williams, the team owner,

Table tennis: The 1998 Eng-

lish Open, due to be staged in

confirmed yesterday.

IN BRIEF



Herman Moore, the Lions wide receiver, is blocked by LeRoy Butler, of the Packers, during Detroit's victory

I wanted to win against Dan," Elway, who moved into fifth place in the NFL's all-time touchdown pass list, said after the game. "I was aware of that talk all week but what motivated me most was keeping us undefeated and in first place."
The Broncos have torn away

the honour of being Super Bowl favourites from Green Bay Packers, the champions, who slipped to their second defeat in five games when they lost 26-15 in Detroit. Still invincible at Lambeau Field. they are showing a surprising vulnerability when they go on the road and were undone by a fine performance from Barry

players. The International Table Tennis Federation de-

cided that the players would

need a longer rest after the 1997 World Professional Tour

Canoeing: The Great Britain team of Paul Ratcliffe, Shaun Pearce and Ian Raspin won

the gold medal in the men's kayak in the world canoe

Brazil, beating France by

more than a second.

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ends on December 22.

Sanders, the Lions running back. The game hinged on one bad play from Brett Favre, the Packers quarterback. Favre tripped as he dropped back to pass in the second quarter and threw while on his knees, but Reggie Brown, the Lions linebacker, intercepted his pass and returned it for a touch-

in Dalias, the team America loves and loves to hate, was even booed by its own fans for a lacklustre performance before they turned on the style and crushed Chicago Bears 27-3. Michael Irvin caught six passes and Deion Sanders. fresh from baseball duty, returned a punt for 83 yards.

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HOCKEY

Spice offers flavour of future

THE English Hockey Associ-ation is poised to make its first significant appointment with the announcement that the Australian, Chris Spice, is to become its performance direc-tor in November (Cathy Harris writes).

While there may be some surprise, even resentment, among English coaches, there is no disputing the impeccable

credentials of Spice, 31. In 1993, he joined Richard Charlesworth as assistant coach to the Australia women's team and steered them to medals in three successive Champions Trophies, the 1994 World Cup title and the gold medal at the

Atlanta Olympic Games. What we've achieved with Australia is an uncompromis-

instil a more attacking and aggressive philosophy into the English game," Spice said. "I don't underestimate the challenge. What I really want to achieve is a ferocious desire to do better. You have to be passionate about continual improvement and players must learn to become analyti-

cal about themselves."

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ICE HOCKEY

Storm able to weather challenge by Cobras

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

MANCHESTER Storm, although held to a 3-3 draw by Newcastle Cobras on Sunday. have won their Benson and Hedges Cup group with the Cobras in second place, Ayr Scottish Eagles third and Sheffield Steelers fourth.

Who wins the other group depends on the games this evening and it could take a slide rule to separate Cardiff Devils and Nottingham Panthers. Having lost their unbeaten record in Nottingham last Wednesday, the Devils returned the compliment in Cardiff on Sunday, beating Panthers 3-2 in a fast and furious encounter that thrilled a capacity crowd.

To retain a chance of first place. Panthers needed to reduce the deficit on the night to one goal and their coach, Mike Blaisdell, took a gamble, removing their goaltend-er, Trevor Robins, in the final minute to bring on an extra forward. It paid off as Jamie Leach scored with only 14 seconds on the clock.

This means that goal difference could determine the group positions and Panthers have the edge. Basingstoke Bison are third but could be overtaken by Bracknell Bees, who travel to Nottingham

Manchester Storm return to European competition this evening and could have done without a tough game on Sunday. Jamie Pegg scored the only goal of the first period, then Randy Smith and Rick Brebant scored in the second to give Cobras a 3-0 lead. The last period be-longed to Manchester with Brad Turner, Mike Morin and Dale Jago finding the net to give Storm their point.

This evening in their first home game in the European League this season, Storm face arguably the best club side in Europe, Moscow Dy-namo. In their first game, away to Bolzano a fortnight ago, Manchester gained their first European point. They lost 6-5 but took the point because Bolzano needed overtime to secure their win.

In contrast, Moscow Dynamo, finalists in the inaugural season of the European League last year, beat Sparta Prague 4-0 with their goaltender, Ildar Moukhomedov, making 30 saves.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain at a loss over squad selections

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

FIFTEEN Wigan and St Helens players were yesterday added to the Great Britain squad for the forthcoming British Gas series against the Australian Super League (ASL) side. However, with Keiron Cunningham about to undergo a double hernia operation. Bobbie Goulding suspended and still no word on whether the Australian Rugby League (ARL) will release Jason Robinson and Gary Connolly, the true picture remains unclear.

Cunningham has struggled recently and his withdrawal from the St Helens party that travelled to Brisbane yester-day for their world club championship quarter-final on Saturday was inevitable. He will be unable to train for a fortnight, but still hopes to challenge James Lowes for the hooking duties at Wembley on

November I.

Goulding's suspension until
the Wembley match, and the
fact that Shaun Edwards requires a second knee operation in 12 months, leaves Tony Smith, one of nine Wigan players in the 44-man training squad, as the principal candidate for the scrum half position. Nigel Wright, pre-ferred to Karle Hammond, of St Helens, as an option at stand-off half, and Simon Haughton, in a rich vein of form in the second row, are newcomers to the Britain set-

All the signs before last weekend were that the ARL would not release Robinson and Connolly from their contracts to play in the threematch series. Such a stance would be a blow to Britain, but with talk of compromise with the ASL once more emerging in the possible shape of two conference-style competitions in Australia next year — the Wigan pair could be used as bargaining counters.

Connolly's immediate problem is an Achilles tendon injury, which is likely to keep him out of Wigan's home world championship match against Hunter Mariners on Friday. Edwards's operation will force him to miss the Broncos' home quarter-final against Cromulla on Sunday.
GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: Additional players. M Cassady, G Cornolly, A Farrel, S Haughton, T O'Cornor, K Radissle, J Robinson, A Smith, N Wright (all Wigan), K Cunninghem, R Goulding, A Hurte, C Joyn.
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SNOOKER

Doherty who is No 1

TWO distinct eras in the £180,000 will be distributed game's history are linked today with the start of the Regal Masters, in Motherwell, coinciding with the fiftieth anniversary of Walter Donaldson becoming the first Scottish winner of the world championship (Phil Yates writes). Much has changed since

Donaldson defeated Fred Davis 82-63 over a fortnight in the first match played at Leicester Square Hall, London. Donaldson, a dour character on and off the table, won the championship again in 1950, but eventually became so. disillusioned with the game that he smashed the slates off his practice table to pave a

Donaldson died in 1973, a decade before the explosion in snooker's popularity that led to the formation of the present tournament circuit. A total of £5 million is on offer during the coming season, of which

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among the 12 players invited to the Regal Masters. Stephen Hendry is the favourite to win the event for a fourth time. collect the first prize of £60,000 and reaffirm his status as the game's dominant force, after an 18-12 defeat by Ken Doherty in the world championship

final five months ago.

Doherty, however, insisted that the pressure associated with being world champion will not prove detrimental to his form. "I am determined to view things positively," he said. "Winning at the Crucible was a feather in my cap and it certainly isn't going to become a burden. I am just going to

In the opening match this afternoon, Mark Williams, the Grand Prix and British Open champion, meets Alan Mc-Manus, one of four wild-card entries, while Jimmy White plays John Parrott.

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BASEBALL

Hendry keen to show Failed record bid goes down to McGwire

MARK McGWIRE, of St Louis Cardinals, fell just short of one of baseball's most revered records as the Major League season moved into its decisive phase this week (Keith Blackmore writes). By hammering three home runs in the final two regular-season games at the weekend, Mc-Gwire took his total to 58, three short of the singleseason record set by Roger Maris, of New York Yankees, in 1961. Before Maris, the record was held by the legendary Babe Ruth.

McGwire struck 34 homers for Oakland A's in the American League before a midseason trade to the Cardinals in the National League, which brought him 24 more in just 51 games. His total, the highest since 1961, also won his season-long race with Ken Grif-fey Jr, who finished the season with 56 home runs for Seattle Mariners, but unlike Griffey,

his exploits did not help the Cardinals into the play-offs. The Cardinals finished fourth in the National League Central division, a dozen

games behind Houston Astros, who open their play-off series against Atlanta Braves The Braves, who won 101 games on their way to an

unprecedented sixth consecutive divisional championship. are heavy favourites to beat Houston in their best-of-five series and would then meet either Florida Marlins or San Francisco Giants. Baltimore Orioles, who face the Mariners in a play-off that begins tomorrow, will start favourites to win the American League pennant, having won games on their way to their first divisional championship since 1983. The other play-off will pit Cleveland Indians against the World Series champions, the Yankees.

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The London Trophy is a competition for 'non-bridge' clubs. Today's hand is from the 1997 finals, which were sponsored by Hilton Hotels. It concerns a common bidding problem, playing a No-Trump contract the right way round. With a holding of Qx opposite Axx it is important for the player holding Qx to be the declarer - that way, if the opening lead in that suit runs round to him, he is guaranteed two tricks in the suit.

Dealer East North-South game Aggregate scoring ♦ K Q 10 2



Best contract: Three No-Trumps by Souti At one table, this was the At the other table the bidbidding (East-West silent): ding went as follows:

1 C 1 S 3 NT

As my reporter Danny Roth points out, South overbid considerably when he called Two Diamonds, fourth suit foreing' at his second turn. However. North could have saved the day by continuing with Three Diamonds. In principle that shows four diamonds, but nevertheless it was the bid most likely to induce South to bid No-Trumps.

With North the declarer the iack of diamonds was led. Thus South's queen was doomed and North had to go one down.

1 C 1 S 2 NT This time after South's sensible Two Clubs North should

have bid Two Diamonds as a probe for No-Trumps. That would have enabled South to bid Two No-Trumps, and so be the declarer in Three No-Trumps. ☐ The Times Book of Bridge I, a compendium of some of these

columns, is now available in all good bookshops or direct from the publisher, B. T. Batsford, on 01376 321276, price £6.99 (plus £1 p&p). ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KESSELRING a. A Wagnerian opera b. A financiers' club c. A German field marshaj

BRECCIA a. Personal trinkets b. Rock formation c. Alfresco meals

BIFROST a. A freezer unit b. Work schedule c. A mythical bridge

ANACLETE a. Recalled b. A skin eruption c. Racing yacht's rigging

Answers on page 46



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's fusillade

Garry Kaspanov, already enraged that IBM have withdrawn their computer, Deep Blue, from com-petition, has been further angered by the notion of a 100-player knockout for the world champ ionship organised by the world chess federation president, Kirsan llumzinov. Aware of the growing links between the International Olympic Committee and the world chess federation (the Fide world championship is scheduled to take place in January 1998 in the Olympic Museum in Lausanne) Kasparov fired off this blunt missive to Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC.

"Your personal efforts to enhance and elevate the game of chess are greatly appreciated by me but unfortunately I cannot and will not agree to play in this series of matches which are being organised in a farcical manner. From the first moment that this idea was announced by the Fide president, I have publicly expressed my concern about the concept and the source of funding and I regard as totally inadequate this system for defining the strongest chess player in the world,
"In chess, the tradition of playing for the official world title is 111

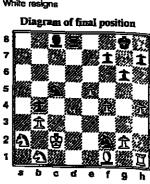
years old and recognises the age-old tradition of a match between the holder of the title and the challenger. Tradition dictates that this challenge is made in a serious manner with a full series of matches. The format being suggested files directly in the face of tradition. tradition and unfortunately trivialises the world title."

Without Kasparov, there is no doubt that any championship lacks serious credibility. Here is how Kasparov handled the reigning Fide champion in one of their rare encounters over recent years. White: Anatoly Karpov

Black: Garry Kasparov Linares, 1993

King's Indian Defence

Nc3 e4 13 0-0 Nge2 Od2 Rd1 dxe5 b3 cxb5 Qg1 25 Kxd1 27 Kc2



Tilburg tournament At Tilburg, in Holland, Kasparov and Krmanik lead on two out of two. Michael Adams, of Britain,

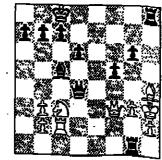
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess

Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday

WOUNTE NOVE By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Garcia -Shirov. Spain 1997. Alexei Shirov is one of the most gifted tactical players in the world. How did he demonstrate his talents in this position?

Solution on page 46



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LATEST ORDER THE

RACING: CAPE VERDI AMONG QUARTET TO RACE UNDER GODOLPHIN'S BANNER NEXT SEASON

Maktoums buy Sangster juveniles

By RICHARD EVANS AND CHRIS MCGRATH

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THE Tattersalls Houghton Sales, Europe's principal yearling auction, gets underway after racing at Newmarket today — but, the week's most important bloodstock transaction has already been concluded. Robert Sangster, whose racing empire has long been sustained by unsentimental business acumen, has sold four of the best two-year-olds to the Maktoum brothers.

One of them, Cape Verdi, could well produce an instant return when carrying the col-



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ours of Maktoum Maktoum in today's Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes. Sangster has also sold two other fillies, Woodland Melody and Dance Trick, and an authentic Derby prospect in City Honours. All four will join the Godolphin team in Dubai this winter and be trained by Saeed bin Suroor on their return next spring.

It would once have appeared remarkable that Sangster should sell his most exciting young horses to the Maktoums, who usurped his dominion of the bloodstock market during the early Eight-



Cape Verdi, recently purchased by the Maktoums, is favourite for today's Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket

ies. But they have done mutually rewarding business before, as when Sangster sold Balanchine at a similar stage of her career. She went on to become a first champion for Godolphin, when Sheikh Mohammed's Dubai experiment was in its pioneering stages.

The value of this deal is undisclosed, but Sangster's readiness to sell if the price is right was also evinced when he sold Dr Devious, who went on to win the 1992 Derby. At least that colt remained with Peter Chapple-Hyam, Sangster's trainer at Manton.

His impending loss is rotten luck for Chapple-Hyam, who must sometimes fear that he used up too much luck too quickly. His first visit to the roulette table of training saw his number come up successively in Rodrigo De Triano and Dr Devious - but he has

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

(£2,285: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

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(£3,140: 2m 5f) (7)

THUNDERER

Windswept. 5.40 Farmost.

(2-Y-0: £2,277: 5f) (13 runners)

3.20 SPITHRE MOVICES CHASE

SEDGEFIELD

2.15 Brambles Way, 2.50 Name Of Our Father, 3.20

Hacketts Cross. 3.55 Lochnagrain, 4.30 Monaco Gold, 5.00 Superpride.

2.15 SATLEY PUNCH BOWL CLAIMING HURDLE

7-4 Brambles Way, 11-4 Albamine, 7-2 Filedock, 9-2 Bellioi, 14-1 Nord. 33-1

1 0112 NAME OF OUR FATHER 8 (BF.F) P Bowm 4-12-0 R Johnson
2 41P- SHARP COMMAND 144 (BF.CD.F) P Eccles 4-11-13 A Magnire
3 -011 RED JAM JAR 25 (CD.F.G) F Bet 2-11-5 ... K Johnson
4 018- KONDA GROUNY 126 (K.CD.F.G) [Part 8-10-9 ... M Smith
5 3S-4 SKIDDAW SAMBA 14 (C.G) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-0 G Les (3)

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WOLVERHAMPTON

2.25 Blue Kite. 3.00 Colins Choice. 3.30 Onefourseven. 4.05 Takhild. 4.40 Maedaley. 5.10

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.25 CHEFS LARDER MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

2.50 KIER NORTH EAST HANDICAP HURDLE

1 613- BRANGLES WAY 7F (B,BF,CD,F,G,S) Mits M Rese

since been repeatedly forced back to the counter for more chips. It will be with mixed emotions, no doubt, that he greets the success expected of Cape Verdi today.

Her narrow defeat Embassy in the Lowther Stakes left her superiority

somewhat disguised. paper, Embassy should reverse form on 31b better terms. On grass, however, Cape Verdi is expected to increase her advantage.

At York, Embassy, better suited by the easier going, was. allowed first run up the centre. but drifted under pressure and was caught on the line. Cape Verdi (2.00) looked comfortable returning to today's trip - having encountered the leading colt, Central Park, over seven furlongs at Royal Ascot - and appeals as the likelier to progress.

The dark horse is Shmoose, already trained by bin Suroor. But she hung markedly left at the end of her Newbury debut - and this could prove a decisive weakness in today's much stronger company.

It was at the Houghton Sales last year that the field for today's special bonus race changed hands - and the big dividend looks destined for a 78,000-guinea son of Green Desert, Tamarisk (1.30). After a striking debut success at Goodwood, he romped home by six lengths at Kempton clocking a fast time.

The opening race screened Channel 4 is the EBF Jersey Lily Fillies' Nursery, in which the most intriguing runner is Tullich Refrain (12.50). Badly drawn twice since a promising Windsor debut, she has been kept to five furlongs while qualifying for handicaps. With stamina in her pedigree, she can find major improvement over today's seven

☐ Bold Fact is not certain to run in Thursday's Middle Park Stakes on Thursday after pulling a stomach muscle.

3.55 Lazenby and wilson handicap chase

4.30 STANLEY RACING NOVICES HURDLE

6-4 Monaco Gold, 3-1 Charler, 4-1 Red Neck, 6-1 Poppy's Desem, 16-1 Run For The Mill, Sty Ledy, 26-1 Commonly Sandon, 33-1 Cooling Hill.

5-4 Superpride, 5-1 Welsh Mountain, 6-1 Cilling Dancer, 7-1 Noble Torn, 8-1 Modiatis, 18-1 Aprile's Kitchen, 12-1 Western Venture, 20-1 others.

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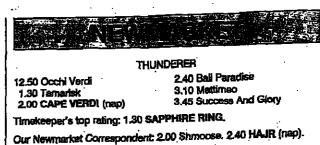
TRAINERS: P Bowen, 5 winners trues 14 numers, 35.7%; S Bell, 3 from 10, 30.0%; Mrs M Reveloy, 68 from 242, 26.1%; I Park, 6 from 24, 25.0%, H Alexander, 6 troin 31, 19.4%; K Morgan, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 54 sermers from 178 raies, 30.7%; G Lee, 12 from 53, 22.6%; A Magaire, 16 from 72, 22.2%; L Wyer, 23 from 107, 21.5%; N Smith, 13 from 92, 14.1%; E Callagham, 5 from 97, 13.5%.

5.00 HURRICANE NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,670: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

(£2,285: 2m 1f) (9)



103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,SF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Had 9-10-0 . B West (4) 58

3.10 Flint Knapper.

course and distance minear. BF — beaten taverals in latest race). Boling on which hause has won (F — firm, good to farm, hard G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner is boackets.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING going: good to firm

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 12.50 EBF JERSEY LILY FILLIES MURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £18,260: 71) (15 runners)

BETTING: 11-2 Bolden Fostone, 6-1 Settron Lane, Occhi Vensi, 7-1 Tollich Restain, 8-1 Belle Dr Med., 10-1 Medanne Ciloude, Sabatte, 12-1 Chinaider, Payassa, 14-7 others. 1998: MICHTERRO 9-7 M Halls (5-1 p-lav) 9 Hills 14 ran

Saftron Larne 3/2 and to Setteen in tim Sandown stakes (good to farm). Next Round 29t lest of 9 to Take A furn in 7/ Chester sursery (cod). Octh Verd 1/41 4th to Branston Berry in 61/41 bester off 1/11 13th, Star Of Grossvency (3b) better off 1/41 4th to Branston Berry in 61/41 bester off 1/11 13th, Star Of Grossvency (3b) better off 1/41 4th vorse off) 64/6 3th, Phone Alex, (3b) better off 1/11 13th, Star Of Grossvency (3b) better off) 1/21 14th and Pactifica (10b) better off) 1/81 16th, Safsettis 64/6 3rd to Societ Set in 6/ Chester fillies states (good to soft), Feyrara 8/4 10th to Another Fartesy in 6/ Curragh states (good to soft) Bette De Nutt bette Chocalete neck in 7/ Armouth (Aller Safset) Bette De Nutt bette Chocalete neck in 7/ Chester mussery (good to farm). Aller flowers of the Chester fillies states (good to farm) Tulisch Retrain 994/6 8th to Arian Da in 5/5 Sandown maiden auction (good to farm). Constant Attention 1/4/1 2nd to Sterne an Intel Goodwood seller (good to farm). Constant Attention 1/4/1 2nd to Sterne an Intel Goodwood seller (good to farm). CHINAIDER failed to stay at Dencaster, and should go close over this shorter trip

1.30 TATTERSALLS HOUGHTON SALES CONDITIONS **STAKES** (2-Y-0: £18,635: 7f) (14 runners) 480 APACHE RED 129 (A Burns) J Bolger (Int) 9-0 430 APACHE RED 129 (M Burns) J Bolger (Int) 9-0 K J Manning 87 (BCC) 55 (S Mercas) C Biltato 9-0 M Roberts 81 HEADMINITER 41 (16) (Highciter Rearing Lid) W Haggas 9-0 M Hills 103 O PMYTAR 12 (IR & Exors Late E Hitchard) I Balding 9-0 Dane O'Healt 75 RADOR (Ayelosa) 5 C Williams 9-0 Dane O'Healt 76 RADOR (Ayelosa) 5 C Williams 9-0 Dane O'Healt 74 11 TAMARSK 20 (D.F.6) (Highciter Rearing Lid) R Charlton 9-0 T Sprate 114 MARSIC DF ALOHA LI Persiring) B Hills 8-9 DHolland 385 MSFF (19W 20 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 K Fallon 98 42131 PHOTOGERIC 38 (D.S.5) (Mrs TE Hydo) A P O'Brien (Int) 8-9 M J Kinane 97 PUTURA (R & Exors Late E Hisching) I Balding 8-3 MSFF (19W 20 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 M J Kinane 97 PUTURA (R & Exors Late E Hisching) I Balding 8-3 MSFF (19W 20 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 M J Kinane 1142 SAPPHRE RWG 11 (BF.G.S.) (Introduction Corp) R Charlton 8-9 K Aberley 1221 XWIFE 16 (S) (Stall Princete) W Neuroth (Not) 8-3 DE Charlon 8-9 K Pallon 1 (BF.G.S.) (Introduction 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) W Neuroth (Not) 8-3 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlton 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlton 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlon 8-9 S Whitworth 1 (MSF C Van Staubersze) R Charlo BETTING: 7-4 Tamerisk, 9-2 Photogenic, 6-1 Sepphine Ring, 8-1 Headhuman, 10-1 Apache Red. 12-1 Panlar. 10-11 Lochnagazio, 9-2 Andreiol, The Tousier, 6-1 Pennybridge, 7-1 Newholf Prince.

Apache Red 13i last of 10 lo Golden Mirage in 5i Curraph states (good to soil). Circus 8'14 4th to Mr Cahill in 7i Yarmooth states (good). Paular 14i 13th to Dr Fong in 7i Newbury maiden (good to firm). Headhundre 3'4i 3rd to Carrowkeel in 6i York group it states (good). Paular 14i 13th to Dr Fong in 7i Newbury maiden (good to firm). Razor, Warning cott out of Smarten Up, half brother to useful Dress Sense Ridgeway 8'4i 7ih to Sensory in 7i Leicester maiden (good to firm). Tarmartest best Greek Dance 8i in 7i Kempton states (good). Right Owl 7'4i 5th to Royal Shyness in 6i Kompton maiden titles (good). Photograph best Volad Royale 4ii in 7i Leopardistown fillies listed states (good is soit). Xwife beal Sage in 6i Taby states (good to soit).

TAMARISK was most impressive at Kempton and will take all the beating 2.00 SHADWELL STUD CHEVELEY PARK STAKES (Group I: 2-Y-O fillies; £63,262: 6f) (8 runners) 121 CAPE VERD) 40 (CDF,6) (M al-Mattoum) P Ctapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid 2122 CRAZEE MENTAL 84 (D,6) (N O'Donnell) D Haydo Jones 8-11 D Holland 112 EMBASSY 40 (D,6,5) (Shelifi Motermined) D Loder 8-11 K Fallon

1998: PAS DE REPONSE 8-11 E Head (7-1) C Head (Ed B can Cape Verdi best Embassy (3th better off) shi hd in 6f York group II

Biller stales (good) with Nactwah (3th better off) 11/st 3rd and

Miss Zafonic (levels) 4/st 4th. Crazee Mental 11 2rd to Asturah in

6f Newmarter group II filles states (good). Heersmand 11/st 4th to Tarascon in 7f Currach group

Biller stales (good to soit). Royal Shyness beet bitleyear 4/st in 6f Kempton maiden filles (5t, good). Shynoose beat Musical Turist 11/st in 6f Nembury maiden filles (good to 8mm).

EMBASSY, with Kleren Fallon taking over, can reverse York form with Cape Verdi 2.40 NGK SPARK PLUGS HANDICAP (£8,065; 1m 4f) (10 runners) 401 (4) -040531 DANCE SO SUITE 25 (D.F.G.S) (J. Gulini) P Cole 5-9-7 Toulon [258]
402 (7) 0253020 PREZA RIGULO 83 (6) (Feld Racing Partnership) R Ababurs 4-9-1 ... S Sanders 116
403 (8) 5545625 BALI PARADISE 10 (F.S) (Al Muniter Partnership) P Cole 2-8-13 ... M J Kiranto 115
404 (1) -215000 SOLLO MID 18 (5) (W Sandis B HRS 3-8-12 ... M J HRS 115
405 (6) 1-61206 BALCHALLOCH 102 (C.D.F.S.S) (F Carber) J Ring 8-8-10 ... R Firench (8) 106
406 (3) 3240300 PAPUA 42 (C.F) (R 3. Exos Lato E Hischies) I Balding 3-8-10 ... K Darley 103
407 (5) 140120 HART 10 (F.G) (M al-Makhourd E Danlog 3-8-7 ... K Darley 103
409 (9) 41100 KOLANA 20 (D.F.G.) (Shelich Al-Makhourd) L Cursical 3-8-7 ... L Dation 107
409 (2) 310000 ASSURED GAMBEL 62 (C.D.S) (P Head) C Britain 3-8-3 ... M Roberts 113
410 (10) -103500 MISTER POK 83 (F.S) (C Surmer) R Johnson Houghen 3-8-2 (Martin Dwyer 106
FETTIME: 7-2 Dance So Sizie 5-1 Kiton 6-1 Ral Paradise 7-1 Force Britin Halt R-1 Solo Min Inchesifiado BETTIME: 7-2 Dance So Suite, 5-1 Klima, 6-1 Ball Paradise, 7-1 Foca Figlio, Hair. 8-1 Solo Mio, Inchesifoch

1996: DEAR LIFE 3-9-0 Martin Dwyer (5-1) Mrs J Cacil 9 am

Dance So Suite heat Shalateeno 3½1 in 1½m Epsom handicap (good). Forza Rigio 9½1 13th to Danish Rhapcody in 1½m Sharp Consul in 1½m Newbury handicap (good to firm) with Hair (1b worse of) 2¼1 12th. Solo Mio S½4 13th to Daniesque in 1½m Donesque in 1½m Solosaise handicap (good) lo firm) with Hair (1b worse of) 2¼1 12th. Solo Mio S½4 13th to Daniesque in 1½m Octobers in 1½m Consultation 521 6th to Caron Can in 2½m Ascot states (soft). Kitma 151 11th to Sausalifo Bay in 1½m Donesster handicap (good to firm). Assured Gamble 9¼1 10th to Maylane in 1½m Goodwood handicap (good to firm). SOLO MEO appeals on an encouraging Doncaster run lest time

3.10 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES FINAL (Handicap: £7,165: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

SETTING: 5-1 First Knapper, 6-1 Polar Prospect, 7-1 Bear Hop, 8-1 Matheman, Mutadarra, 70-1 Absolute Liberty Marchew, Fancy A Forbuse, 12-1 others

Mathimeo 2%1 7th to Institution in 1½m Donesster hendicap (good to firm). Blurred 241 15th to Champagne Prince in 11½m Donesster hendicap (good to firm). Time For Action 171 12th to Dentesque in 1½m Donesster hendicap (good). Zoom Up 841 10th to Donesh Ringsoody in 1m 11 Soodwood hendicap (good). Rint Krappoer 11½1 204 to Supreme Sound in 11½m Yamouth hendicap (good to firm). Bear Hug 151 15th to Edan Heights in 11½m Leicester apprendice handleap (good to firm) Mutadarra 131 8th to Athosam in 1½m Kempton transleap (good). Guesstimation short head 2nd to Pepassis Bay in 1½m Yamouth selfer (firm). Matadarra 174 5th to Largesse in 1½m Haytock handcap (good). Polar Prospect 3½1 4th to Erro Sceptic in 1on 100yd Beverley handicap (good in 150). Blurred 200 in 11 m Haytock handcap (good). MUTADARRA is a tentative choice in a tricky contest

1996: STEP ALOFT 4-9-8 Airase Cook (12-1) Lord Hunfagdon 14 rao

3.45 EBF GEI INTERNATIONAL MADEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £5,436: 1m) (8 junners) 607 (5) ALMANDAB (Shelin A al-Minkinum) J Gorden 8-11 L Detind —
602 (1) BAMICER DWETSHY (Dr.F. Cram) S. Woods 8-11 M. W. Day —
603 (2) REDUCE MAC (Revery Racing) 6 Barway 8-11 D. R. McCaibe —
604 (8) FINEE AS THE WIND (Mrs. J Magnet & M. Tabor) P. Chapila-Hyam 8-11 J. Reid —
605 (4) JANDORN DANCER (Mrs. I DwiLandy Smith) M. Javes 8-11. R. Cochreine —
606 (8) PREHARP (K. Weston) P Howling 8-11 Part Eddery —
607 (7) 432 SUCCESS AND GLORY 17 (Thoppaghared Corporation) H Cach 8-11 X. Falton § 508 (3) 3 WAY OUT YOUDEN 122 (M. al-Michanni) B. Hills 8-11 M. Fill 8-19
BETTING: 2-1 Success And Glory, 11-4 Way Out Youder, 7-2 Free As The Wind, 4-1 Almandab, 20-1 Barriar Dwerry, Jamonin Dancer, 33-1 Freddar Mac, 50-7 Prostrage,

Airmandab, cosi 65.000gns, by Last Tycoon out of Fortune Teller.

Bardozi Dwerry by Undowein out of Tartique Terist Free As The
Wind, cost 80,000gns, by Brief Truce out of Sthiza. Jamorin
Dencer by Charmer out of Geryea. Success And Glory 11/6 2nd to Wales in 1m Goodwood malden
(good). Way Out Yonder 31 3nd to Cape Verdi in 81 Newmarket malden (61, good to Rm). WAY OUT YONDER can make his experience tell

1990: ASAS 8-11 R HERS (14-1) S bin Screen 12 cas

COURSE SPECIALISTS Rides 44 187 78 46 31.8 24.3 15.5 15.4 25.2 M Knane A Firench L Detton S Sanders D McCahe

Robert Wright

suggests the best value in the ante-post market **TOTE CAMBRIDGESHIRE** Newmarket, October 4

RACING AHEAD

QUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES Another Time: Epic Stano Husters Of Brora Prince Of Denial

WITH 45 acceptors at yesterday's five-day stage, Saturday's Total Cambridgeshire at Newmarket is likely to attract the maximum of 40 runners, headed by Russian Music, who will shoulder 10st 11b after picking up a 51b penalty for winning at Dorcaster

Labeo is lightly raced and showed improved form when winning at Newmarket fast time, beating Heir (runs 2,40 today) in good style. He has potential, but the form does not look outstanding and 10-11s stuch too short a price.

ternak, winner of the Magnet Cup at York on his only run this season, would have constanding claims if allowed to take his chance, but runs only if there is rain before Saturday. Of much more interest is Hunters Of Brora. Rumoer-up in this race in 1994, and third in 1995, she seems to relish this, straight nine furlangs. She was restricted to two runs last year. but after a sinus operation appears as good as ever this se Disqualified for her lockey's knespensible dding after wanning the competitive Spring Cup at Newbury in May by two lengths ksley Hill. She has held her form well and can be forgiven a below-par elaplay at Doncaster last time where she

As a result, site has slipped back to a handicate mark 3lb lower than when third in 1995, and is sare to give backers a good run. for their money. At 25-1 with Coral and Ladbrokes, HUNTERS OF BRORA offers outstanding each-way value.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Bath Going: good to firm 2.00 (1m 2: 45yd) 1, St. Helensfield (J. Weaver, 9-2); 2, Comiche (1-3 tay); 3, Treasure Chest (13-2) 4 ran MJ, 1MJ M. Johnston, Tota 66.10, OF £1.90, CSF:

20.19 (2m i134yd) 1, City Hall (T Curin, 2-1 fav Thunderer's and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Prospero (9-2; 3, Torch Vert (12-1) 6 ran NR: Bridle's Pnde. 1¼1, 101. M Stoute Tote. 22-50; £1 30. £2.10 DF: £7.40 CSF £10.20 3.00 (5) 161yd) 1, Lady Charlotte (T Cunn. 14-1); 2, Taaliuf (1-4 fev); 3, Alpha Whisley (4-1) 4 (an. 1%), 2 D Elsworth, Tote £8.40. DF £2.80 CSF, £17.44

2.30 (Im Syd) 1. Crimeon Tide (M Hills, 2-1 t-lev): 2. Letatornne (5-2): 3. Right Wing (5-1) "Loncoks 2-1 (1-lav 4 ran. 3 %). ½ J Hills. Tote: £2.80 DF: £4.20. CSF £8.79 4.00 (1m Syd) 1, Brigand (L Dettor), 1-2 lav), 2, Frangoon Future (6-1); 3, Finanti Bay (11-4) 4 can, 2, 131 D Loder, Tote; C1 30. DF, 52:20 CSF; C3:90, 3, One in Tho Eye (12-1): 4, Harmalou (16-1) 17 ran NR: Sprit Of Sport 29:1, 13:1 W Mur Tote, 03:40: £1:80, £1:20, £3:00, £3:40 DF. £10:40, Trio; £69:20. CSF: £32:93. Tricast: £330:80 Pracepot £1,188.40. Quadoot: £118.20. Hamilton Park Going: good (good to soft in places)

2.20 (fm 4) 17/d) 1, Totem Dencer (K Fallon, 7-1); 2, Lord Advacate (25-1); 3, Classic Ballet (13-2 fsV); 4, Ctro's Pearl (9-1); 17 ren. 1 VI, 4/ J Eyre Tote. 27.80; E1 40, 55.60, E1.50, E2 70 DF: £186.80 Thro: £550.90. CSF: £171.31 Tricast: £1,105.52. 2.60 (bi 5yd) 1, Brave Edge (Dene O'Nell, 100-80); 2, Opan Credit (2-1 tay); 3, Venture Capitalist (14-1) 7 ran. 1141, 1141, R Hannon Tote: 123-90; 52 00, 51.80 DF: 54 70, CSF: 58.56.

3.20 (61 Syd) 1, Jacomer (K Fallon, 3-1 tev. Richard Evane's nap); 2, Demotton Jo (11-2), 3, Plerpoint (11-2), 12 ren. 1 td., hd Miss L. Persati. Tote: £3.70; £1.50. £2.50, £1.70. DF: £11.00. Trio: £40.50. CSF-£18 12 Tincast. £77 80

3.50 (1m 11 38yd) 1, Tyrolean Dreem (K. Fallon, 5-4 (I-tov); 2, Stystream Star (5-4 (I-tov); 3, its My Pleasure (100-1) 10 ran. Sh. hd, 91 M Tompdons. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.10, £3.00 DF £1.80 Trio: £22.50. CSF: £2.54 4-20 (1m 65yd) 1. Macca Lune (k Falion, 4-9 tav); 2. Always Trying (5-1); 3. Ngsare Princess (65-1) 10 ran, 11l, kl, M Tompkins Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.60, £5.20. DF; £2.80, Trin, £30.90, CSF; £2.41

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4.50 (1m 65yd) 1. Shortshire (D Holtand, 13-2); 2. Kaire Komate (9-1); 3. Winston (6-1); 4. Raincleer Quest (6-1). Mumon Wallace 5-1 fav 16 ran. £1, ch hd. M. Johnston. Tote; £5.60; £2.30, £2.40, £2.70. £2.30. DF. £22.60 Trib £111 40 CSF: £64.57. Tribast £366.82
5.20 (1m 65yd) 1. Pine Ridge Lad (R Lappin, 14-1); 2. Seconds Avery (10-1); 3. Spenish Verdict (9-2 f-fav); 4. Denton Lad (14-1) Vanborough Lad 9-2 f-fav. 16 ran £1, sh cd JEyes Totes £12.90; £2.80, £1.70, £2.70, £3.70. DF £164.90 Trib £365.40. CSF-£163.51 Tribast; £723.50.

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2,10 (2m 11 110yd hole) 1, Southern Chief
(J. Power, 33-1); 2, Tango King (4-6 lav); 3,
Booter (5-1) 5 ran 241, dist, W G M Turner.
Tole: 524,00; £7,60, £1 40 DF: £41,20,
CSF: £52,43

2.40 (2m 3i hole) 1, Dames (G Supple, 6-1). 2. Princely Allar (5-2), 3, Sais Legend (7-4 tev), 6 ran. 14, 111 M Proc. Tota. 64-10. 63.10, 61.80 DF 26.40 CSF: 620-43. 3.10 (2m 3) chi 1. Faustino (fi Dunwoody, Evens fav); 2. Trail Boss (7-1); 3. No Such Parson (20-1) 8 ran. 1%, 91 P Hobbs Tote: 52.10, 51 70, 51.90, 53 00 DF. 58 00. CSF: 58 02.

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By KEVIN McCarra

PERPLEXITY has wounded

Rangers more than disap-

pointment. Their season has

already contained too many

shabby results and having

already been removed from

the European Cup by IFK Gothenburg, they are now

nervously considering the 2-I

deficit that must be overcome

against Strasbourg this eve-

ning in the Uefa Cup. The club

still seems dazed by the diffi-

Pounded by injury prob-

lems, it is understandable that

Rangers should be a little

woolly and, in addition, Brian

Laudrup, who suffered inter-

nal bleeding in his thigh after

a crude challenge at the week-

end, may not be available tonight. The problems of Wal-

ter Smith, the manager, range

far beyond such humdrum

matters. With the personnel

available, Rangers should be

reaching higher standards.
Smith said yesterday: Brian is showing signs of improvement. I will leave the

decision [whether to play] up

Paul Gascoigne has yet to leave his imprint on any of

their games this season and

the defence, by contrast, has

been all too noteworthy. The

errors that allowed Mother-well their 2-2 draw at Ibrox at

the weekend no longer seemed

surprising. "We are giving goals away too easily," Smith said once again. "It is inconsis-tent defending, because at

times we have been all right."
An intermittent fault is al-

ways the hardest to repair and

the manager, in any case, has

few replacement parts avail-

able. Of the 25 senior players

registered with Uefa, the gov-

erning body, as many as 11

may be unavailable this eve-

ning. In all likelihood, Rang-

ers will have to make up the

numbers on the substitutes' bench with youngsters.

The defence is particularly threadbare, since Terry Venables has insisted on Tony

Vidmar's attendance at Aus-

tralia's friendly in Tunisia this week. Joachim Bjorklund is,

like Laudrup, attempting to shake off injury. In such

circumstances, homilies are always liable to be delivered and the men who remain fit will be reminded of the need to

In truth, Strasbourg are not

the most intimidating oppo-nents, even if their best for-

ward, David Zitelli, is now

free of suspension. Rangers

ought to be capable of reach-

ing a pace and intensity that will ensure a tormenting night

for the visitors and, with Stuart McCall fit, Smith's

team will surely not suffer

from lethargy. The greatest worry lies in

the syndrome that has devel-

oped at Ibrox on European

occasions that sees the crowd

fearful and the players tenta-

tive. On the occasions that

should be the most significant

of all, the side has been in the

habit of lapsing into vapid

form. As much as the composi-

tion of the side, Smith will fret

over the outlook of the men

assume responsibility.

FOOTBALL: RASH OF INJURIES TO KEY PLAYERS THREATENS TO UNDERMINE GLASGOW CLUBS' HOPES OF MAKING PROGRESS IN UEFA CUP Rangers search *

Celtic seeking to capitalise on Liverpool's frailty

of exquisitely skilled footballers, resemble a jeweller's shop, and, like all such establishments, live in fear of the ram-raiders. For too many years now, trophies have eluded them as assaults by coarse teams of lesser abilities have proved effective. So it is that the return leg of their Uefa Cup first-round tie with Celtic tonight has the potential to

prove disquieting.
Liverpool have the comfort
of their 2-2 draw in Glasgow and, in essence, need only to be competent at Anfield. Complacency is impossible, though, for a club that has frequently been ambushed by adversity. Two years ago, for instance, Liverpool were beaten 1-0 at home by Brondby in the Uefa Cup after having seemingly made the tie safe with a goalless draw in Den-

On their own ground, they cannot afford to let the match with Celtic drift towards the hazardous. "Our approach will not change." Roy Evans. the Liverpool manager, said. "It would be a ridiculous tactic to play for a draw." His team, in any case, is hardly built for caution and the 2-1 defeat at West Ham United on Saturday demonstrated its peculiar

What does it profit a club to score a magnificent goal, such as that delivered by Robbie Fowler, if its defence is discon-

LIVERPOOL, with their stock certed by the most rudimentary cross? Evans's arrangements at centre back will continue to provoke doubt since Mark Wright is still injured and unavailable. The manager must find it more soothing to let his mind rest on

> Fowler has scored in his past two matches after his return from injury. "It's great to get back our top scorer for the past three seasons." Evans said. Stimulating, too, to watch him work in tandem with another prodigy. Michael Owen. The two forwards, who both call for the ball to be played to their feet, embody the close-passing traditions of

the club. Karlheinz Riedle allows a change of style should Liver-pool's pattern of play decline into a mere stereotype. Celtic, however, have not been brooding over their adversaries. Instead, they look with anxiety upon themselves. With Marc Rieper ineligible and Tommy Boyd suspended, they were always bound to field a makeshift defence at Anfield.

The air of improvisation now threatens to spread. Yesterday, training was restricted to an evening session at Anlield as Wim Jansen, the head coach, trusted that rest might restore Stephane Mahe. O'Donnell, Andreas Thom, Craig Burley, Morten Wieghorst and Henrik Lar-

If the construction of the side is drastically altered, then the significance of Celtic's recent form must be questioned. For the first time since January, they have won four league matches in succession. but, in any case, a harsh exchange rate usually applies when domestic form is converted into the hard currency of European competition.

Jansen has made remarkable progress in three months with Celtic, but his side may lack the means to survive a night at Anfield, particularly if some of their most important players are missing. Although Celtic are convinced that they can exploit Liverpool's weak-nesses, it is hard to see how they can conceal failings of

"If we can keep it tight for 20 minutes and then have a go at them there's no reason why we can't get the result we need." Jackie McNamara, the Celtic midfield player, said jauntily.

The plan is easier to describe than it is to execute. Owen confesses to having a Scottish grandmother who lives near Celtic Park, but sentimentality is unlikely to afflict the teenager or his team-mates this evening.
LIVERPOOL (probabe; 4-3-1-2): D.

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Gascoigne, training in Glasgow yesterday, has yet to make his mark this season

Francis in fear of Little plots to avoid Leicester looking

IT IS three years since Ossie Ardiles suffered a Coca-Cola Cup debacle. Gerry Francis Howells back after injury. takes his Tottenham Hotspur Carlisle's goalkeeper. Tony side to Carlisle United, of the Nationwide League second division, tonight praying that he does not suffer the same fate. Ardiles lost his job as man-

history lesson

ager when Tottenham were eliminated from the competition after losing 3-0 at Notts County, with the likes of Jürgen Klinsmann, Teddy Sheringham, Nick Barmby, Ilie Dumitrescu and Darren Anderton unable to cope with a team that was then anchored at the bottom of the first

Tottenham hold a 3-2 firstleg lead. Francis said: "There is so much flare in our side. The supporters are frustrated when we don't get a result, but they've got to realise that we are just as frustrated as they are. In fact, this is the most attacking line-up I have fielded but we have drawn our last three games when we have

needed to win them." Francis was on a scouting mission in Portugal when Carlisle came close to embarrassing Tottenham in the first leg. Les Ferdinand and Chris Armstrong were also missing. although they played together for the first time in the draw

By Our Sports Staff with Wimbledon on Saturday and are set to continue. Francis has John Scales and David

> Caig, said: "We are only a goal behind and I don't think Spurs will relish the prospect of coming here. We were disappointed about being beaten in the first leg, and that shows how confident we are."

home advantage when they try to overturn a 1-0 first-leg lead for Hull City, of the third division. Duane Darby's goal gave Hull victory at Bootham Crescent and Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, admitted: "Hull were very unlucky because these matches should be one-offs and they deserved

Attilio Lombardo missed and is doubtful again.

Elsewhere, Premiership teams hold all the aces, especially Blackburn Rovers, who travel to Preston North End 6-0 up from the first leg. Barnsley entertain Chesterfield 2-1 ahead. Bolton Wanderers welcome Leyton Orient with a 3-1 lead, Leeds United go to Bristol City 3-1 up and Southampton travel to Brent-

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ASTON VILLA'S recent record in the Uefa Cup is blighted by a recurring theme defeat on away goals. It happened against Trabzon-spor, of Turkey, in the 1994-95 season and against Hel-singborgs IF, of Sweden, last

Park tonight. Crystal Palace have the tition at the first hurdle.

"It's not that easy to forget,"

"I think we're better equipped this time. The players are older and wiser, they've experienced success and disappointment and I'm sure they'll be better for it. This tie is more difficult than last year but we feel we're

repeat performance

By Russell Kempson

away; we have to be patient, season. It could happen again against Bordeaux at Villa

The thought of history repeating itself preys on the mind of Brian Little, the Villa manager, whose overcautious approach was partly responsible for Villa's downfall in Sweden last year. They drew 0-0, after a 1-1 draw at home, and thus departed the compe-

Little said. "We had 60 to 70 per cent of the play in their half of the field in the second leg and to go out after statistics like that was a bit crazy.

capable of going through.

Villa secured a spirited 0-0 draw in the first round, first leg in the Stade Lescure a for the tie when Bordeaux twice struck a post. Yet even with goals of paramount importance, Villa cannot afford any reckless, gung-ho tactics. It's up to us to give nothing

Gareth Southgate, the Villa "We can't really go for allout attack because if we concede one goal, then we'll have to score two in the 90

minutes. We've just got to be

careful and sensible. Jean-Pierre Papin, the former France forward, is likely to play for Bordeaux. There had been some doubt because his young daughter, Emily, was due to travel to the United States for treatment for a rare brain disorder. However, her trip has been delayed until

her father returns. Villa have injury doubts about Dwight Yorke, Southgate and Mark Draper. "Basically, they're just a bit tired and jaded after all the games we've had," Little said. "They'd feel a lot better if they could have a week off. I'm not sure, though, that I will risk

all three." If he were to rest Yorke, it would leave him with the unpredictable partnership of Savo Milosevic and Stan

to gain respect

HOW far must the pendulum swing before people stop underestimating Leicester City? They go into the Uefa Cup first round, second-leg tie against Atlético Madrid at Filbert Street tonight with impressive league form, after surprising the Spanish club with their indefatigable running before succumbing 2-1 in the first leg.

Raddy Antic, the Atlético coach and once a player with Luton Town, has problems. His team was held to a 3-3 draw by the surprise team of the Spanish season. Celta, at home on Saturday. Indeed, Atlètico needed a late threegoal burst in five minutes, two of them from Christian Vieri, the Italy centre forward.

Celta had caught the Madrid pretenders cold at the start by taking a 2-0 lead and at the very end of the match to take a point, suggesting - as the first game against Leicester had done - that the team so expensively built by Antic and his paymaster Jesús Gil y Gil, are individuals searching for unity and struggling to keep their minds

Atlético are eighth in the Spanish League; Leicester are third in the FA Carling Pre-

blink of an eye and Vieri has at last begun to justify his £12 million fee. One of his goals on Saturday was a penalty, but the other, when he arrived late with a surpremely timed run into the area, was honed on the training field. Juninho. almost inevitably, had moved wide to the right to create the space and had then delivered the ball sweetly for Vieri.

Additionally, though weekend seemed a poor guide, Atlético should be strengthened in defence. In their home leg, Aguilera and Santi were suspended and a deputy, Daniel Proban, the Romanian. was both violent and inept.

Proban should not see the lights of Filbert Street tonight and Caminero, the purposeful winger, may also be absent, the victim of deliberate foul play on Saturday, according to the club's always fair-minded president, Gil.

Atlético, strangely attired with the name Marbella, the resort where Gil is mayor, across their red and white stripes, seem almost like strangers at times. Leicester. seeking to go places in the City and in the cups, are about as bonded as a team can be. They respond to Martin O'Neil, their manager, as he once did to Brian Clough - never daring to stint on effort. Will it be enough? Ninety minutes should tell.

Scowcroft named in England squad

PETER TAYLOR, the England Under-21 coach, yesterday gave James Scowcroft the perfect aid to recovery by naming the lpswich Town striker in his squad for the final European championship qualifying match away to Italy next month.

Scowcroft, 21, was carried off during the Nationwide League first division match against Norwich City last Friday after an accidental clash with his team-mate, Matt Holland. Scowcroft lost all feeling in his limbs, although that gradually began to return. Taylor said yesterday: "Ipswich tell me James has got all the feeling back and he should be able to play

for them on Saturday." England are already assured of finishing top of group two, but they need a victory in Italy to have any chance of qualifying automatthe best qualifying record go through by right. At present. play-off against Israel

"It's frustrating to beat Italy and Poland and still not get know that we haven't scored enough goals," Taylor said. Six in seven matches to be precise, but the return of Darren Eadie and Emile Heskey, after his call-up to the senior ranks last month, is a

Reti, October 10): R Wright (Inswich), C Day (Wattord), A Marshall (Norwich), K Dyer (pswich), D Granville (Chelsea), W Quirm (Sheffield Uld), J Curtis (Manchester Ouirn (Sheffield Urd), J Cunte (Manchester Lid), R Scimeca (Aston Wile). M Hell (Coventry), R Ferdinand (West Harn), A Moses (Barrsley), B Thatcher (Wimbledon), M Duberry (Chelsea), J Carragher (Liverpool), N Guashie (Queens Park Rangers), P Murray (Queens Park Rangers), P Murray (Queens Park Rangers), D Murphy (Liverpool), S Hughes (Astersa), F Lampard (West Ham), E Hessley (Leoester), B Dyer (Crystal Patace), J Scowcroft (Ipswich), D Earlier (Namersh L Bradforwy (Manchester Child

fortnight ago, perhaps using Collymore up front. Anything miership. Atlético have won advantage. up their quota of good fortune could happen, and probably only once in the league; Leicester have lost only once. will, at Villa Park this evening -- as long as it is not defeat on Of course, as the first leg showed, if Kaamark, the Leicester defender, loses NEWS SPORT WHAT'S ON FUN KNOWLEDGE MONEY SHOPPING TALK INTERNET Juninho, the little Brazilian can create and devastate in the Market forces starting to be felt at Filbert Street eicester City yesterday attempted to translate Chris Ayres sees "Can I have more its recent success in the another club take Coca-Cola Cup and FA Carling Premiership into a strong stock of progress stock market debut, with a flotation deal that valued the soccer news without club at £24 million. The move is expected to give Leicester a windfall of £11 million to spend on buying Soccer Investments will exgetting the blues?" players, expanding the capacity of its Filbert Street home and improving its commerical operations.

Tom Smeaton, the Leicester chairman, said he was determined not to make the same mistakes as other clubs that have seen their shares fail to perform after joining the

"I think you need to value ourself at a conservative level and have a stream of profit from non-football related activities," he said. "Then you need a level of expertise on the board which will give the City confidence." Leicester's move follows the

recent flotations of Notting-

ham Forest, Chelsea Village

and Newcastle United, with

football clubs seeing stock

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market market success as a status symbol as well as an important method of raising Manchester United's huge-

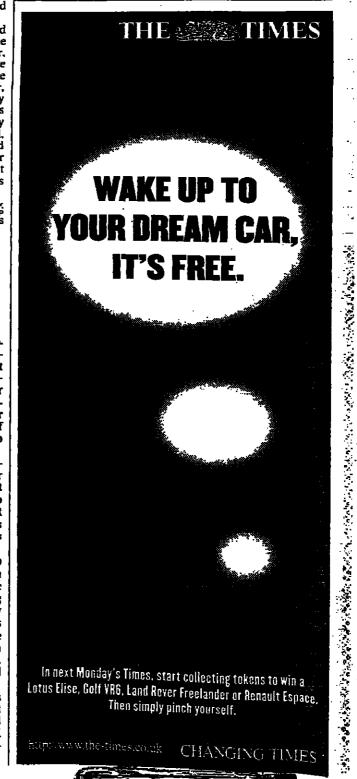
iv successful floatation in 1991 began the trend, although many clubs have not reaped the same financial rewards. Shares in United are worth nearly ten times their value in 1991, but an investment in Newcastle is worth significantly less than when the club

Leicester will join the Alternative Investment Market which is less regulated that through a deal with Soccer Investments, the shell company floated earlier this year with the sole intention of taking over a Premiership

change 31 of its shares for each Leicester share, valued at 110p each. Fans will be able to make a minimum investment of £440 in the club, which is offering about 900,000 shares to the general public.

Many other Premiership clubs are set to follow in Leicester's footsteps over the coming months, including West Ham United and Derby County. Some foreign clubs are also understood to be considering a floatation on the London stock market, among them Bologna and Internazionale.

The deal yesterday came as **English National Investment** Company, the London quoted trust, bought a stake in AEK Athens, one of the most famous clubs in Greece.



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FOOTBALL

·Salonika no threat to Wenger's authority

BY MATT DICKINSON

IT IS a measure of the success of Arsene Wenger's understated leadership that the shambolic and controversial manner of his arrival at Highbury precisely 12 months ago has been so easily

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POSS SETTLES IN

Anger at the way in which Arsenal had lured Wenger behind the back of Bruce Rioch, his predecessor as manager, was compounded then by widespread scepticism at the club's recruitment of the unglamorous, unfamiliar and schoolmasterly figure. How short memories are, never less so than in football. Bruce who?

A first-round exit from the Uefa Cup at the hands of PAOK Salonika tonight, when Arsenal must overhaul a 1-0 deficit, would be an ignominious way of marking his first anniversary in charge at Highbury, but Wenger's precise, thoughtful and wellplanned management will ensure that it would be seen only as a blip rather than a cause for introspection.

His success so far can be judged superficially by a glance at the FA Carling Premiership table, where his side peers down on Manchester United from the summit. Of infinitely longer-term significance, though, is the autonomy that the Frenchman has established in Highbury's



Wenger: secure

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marble halls after Rioch's short reign. A board smarting from the scandal of the George Graham "bung" affair had vowed never again to let a manager control transfers, and Rioch could fairly argue that he was operating with at least one hand tied behind his

There can be no doubt, however, that it is Wenger pulling the strings, including the purse-strings, and he bluntly revealed yesterday that he had been prepared to resign had he found it any other way. "The basis of the job was to have freedom to run the club as I chose, to make the important decisions about what was happening, the buying and selling of players, contracts and even the training-ground set-up," he said.

Without an assurance of that freedom and control I would not have stayed. It would have been difficult for me to accept anything less. Maybe you are used to that in England, but in some foreign countries the manager can come back for pre-season and find the president has bought and sold players in the holidays without him knowing. I had no precise dreams or timetable to win things. I just wanted to show how well I could do and how I could cope with the job."

To that end, he faces a significant test tonight with the visit of PAOK, who took advantage of Arsenal's adventurous approach to score the only goal a fortnight ago. much to their own surprise. Wenger was without Dennis Bergkamp in Greece because of his fear of flying and Ian Wright looked lost without his favourite accomplice. The Dutchman has been in breathtaking form, and his return should be enough to swing the tie in the English club's favour.



Family affair: There were two Mark Blundells on the podium when the 1997 IndyCar series concluded with the Marlboro 500 in Fontana, California, although only one could lay formal claim to the silverware. Blundell Sr, the former Formula One driver from Britain, was joined by his ten-year-old son, also called Mark, after

securing his third win of the season by 0.085sec. which elevated him to sixth place in the overall rankings in only his second season. Lying third after 240 of the 250 laps, Blundell capitalised on a moment's hesitation by Jimmy Vasser, who was in second place, when Greg Moore, the leader, suffered a blown engine. Vasser, pictured left,

held off the challenge of Adrian Fernandez, right, to hold on to second place. "It has been a fantastic day." Blundell said. "To win a 500-mile race for the first time is incredible." The series was won with a race to spare by Alex Zanardi, of Italy, who suffered a crash in practice and did not compete

Daniels the standard-bearer for women

One cricketing revolution may have petered out, but another

continues apace. Sarah Potter catches up with the leader

t a time when the county cricket chair-A county cricket chair-men who run the men's game have chosen not to look beyond their own rather narrow boundaries, it may be surprising to learn that women's cricket has set its sights on a richer, wider landscape.

Cricket and "tradition" still hold hands in the women's game, too, but it is no longer a case of wrinkled necks being cricked from looking backwards to some imagined, quaint old world. The executive director of the Women's Cricket Association (WCA) is 32-year-old Barbara Daniels, and it is largely through her efforts that the game is facing forward.

ARSENAL (probable, 4-4-2): D Seeman — L Dison, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — R Parlour, P Vielra, E Petit, M Overnars — D Bergkamp, I Wright.

Wales Cricket Board (ECB), to Vodafone funded South Afrithe officers of the WCA within ca's visit this summer and the next few weeks. Formal next week a £90,000 National dissolution of the 70-year-old

that should ensure survival and growth. The MacLaurin report was very significant for us," Daniels said. "Inevitably, some will think it a shame that the WCA won't exist any more, but overall there is a positive

feeling." As an England player, she

GOLF

ENDICOTT, New York: BC Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 275: G Hjertstech (Swe) 70, 69, 68, 70, 276: L Rinksr 70, 69, 70, 69, 68, 70, 276: R Green (Aus) 71, 69, 59, 69, 72, 60; 70, 277: R Green (Aus) 71, 69, 59, 69; B Fleisher 70, 68, 71, 70, 7 Garnez 70, 67, 68, 72 278: D Mest 70, 71, 70, 67, B Hughes (Aus) 70, 71, 69, 69, 77, 70, 67, 78 Hughes (Aus) 70, 71, 69, 69, 69; G Waste (NZ) 69, 77, 70, 70, 70, 71, 70, 71, 70, 71, 70, 71, 70, 72, 70.

governing body could happen

by February, giving the wom-

en's game access to develop-ment and financial structures

Lottery cheque is expected. That will foot the bill for the defence of the World Cup in

"For the first time our international players have not been asked to pay for any-thing," she said, "We are having a training week in Portugal in October and all the air-fare costs to India will be paid for."

India in December.

However, Daniels cares too much about the game to be elitist. She wants resources She will present a draft has experienced first-hand the spread to the grass roots and proposal, detailing plans for benefits brought by sponsor-merger with the England and ship money and coaching. is aware that the gap between club and country is too wide.

It will not be bridged easily or quickly, but recent work with the ECB has set positive ideas in motion.

We have been working on eight-year performance plan looking at national development and funding. We want to increase the number of clubs and make sure support is there to sustain them. Paid people, in other words, who are there to help and

"Only then can the leagues become better matched and more competitive."

Administration, then, is almost as big an issue as getting cal. It can be called raising the | manding course of the week to girls and women playing. Tim standards and Daniels is very

the ECB, believes that the next logical step would be for Daniels to move her office to Lord's. That will have to be discussed by the WCA mem-bers, but, as their biggest fear is how to ensure women's cricket still has a voice once it is swallowed by the ECB, it makes sense.

At that point Daniels might have to assess her playing career. The enormity of the task will demand much of ber time and energy.
"After the World Cup, I will

have to take stock," she said. "I've learnt to control my nerves as a player but during the summer I was still thinking about how much there is

What is happening is radi-Lamb, the chief executive of much at the helm.

EQUESTRIANISM

Show goes on after Skelton has last word

By JENNY MACARTHUR

DOUBTS concerning the future of the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley Arena. which ended on Sunday night with Nick Skelton's convincing win in the Golden Saddle Grand Prix, were dispelled yesterday with the announcement that the show, which has run at a substantial loss for the past two years, broke even this

Mark Wein, the co-director of Grandstand Media, the company that took over the running of the show in July, said that "through stringent cost-cutting and enormous support from the equestrian would the show here. world, the show has broken even and has a brighter outlook than it has had for many

Although the 21,000 specta tors that attended this year was a long way short of the 50,000 that came in the heady days of the early 1980s - and 4,000 fewer than last year -Wein was philosphical. "Hav-ing only had the benefit of eight weeks to look at marketing, we were obviously very restricted in what we could achieve." he said. "Group ticket sales were down, but that is something that needs to be addressed in marketing terms at least six months

before the show.*

More significant was the renewed enthusiasm for the show, which was noted by spectators and riders alike. John Whitaker's former leading horse, Milton, did much to sustain it. His dramatic nightly arrivals in the arena - at the end of Whitaker and Geoff Billington's Simply The Best display - were greeted by the crowd with the raucous cheers normally reserved for pop

Skelton also rekindled the old Wembley magic with his popular win in the Grand Prix, on Virtual Village Showtime. After Whitaker and Virtual Village Grannusch, the winners in 1993 and 1994, had lost their chance with an untypical refusal in the first round and three time faults in the second, the crowd threw its weight behind Skelton. The last to go in the second round, he sped round the most derecord the only double clear

FOR THE RECORD

LAKE VYRNWY: Puma Cell hell-mara-thor: Men: 1, D Loughlin (Chelmsford AC) 64min 6sec (Course record); 2, J Cherulyot (fi.sn) 64 53; 3, Spencer Newpoor Blackheath) 65:20. Women: 1, J Kenyen (Lostock AC) 66:40; 2, L Tumer (Gimmigham) 67:48; 3, A Tooby-Smith (Knavesmire) 81:25.

(Knavesimre) 81:25.
BERGEN, Germany: Hochfelin International mountain race (8.9km, 1,074m ascent-only, includes Alpine Grand Prix. decider): Men: 1, H Schmuck (Austria) 42min 44:sec: 2, J Blaha (C2) 43:42, 3, P Petro (Slovelda) 43:46; 4, O Sabatschus (Ge) 43:51; 5, P Kehi (Ger) 44:20; 8, R Findlow (Eng) 44:31. Alpine Grand Prix overalt: 1, Schmuck 260pt.), 2, Findlow 220; 3, Blaha 205: Women: 1, J Saver-Juszko (Switz) 50:27; 2, A Buckley (Eng) 52:07. 3, F krothacher (Austria) 52:27. Overalt: 1, Saver-Juszko 300; 2, Buckley 210; 3, C Reber (Switz) 145.

BASEBALL. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Mirmesons 5 Cleve-land 1, New York Yankees 7 Detroit 2: Toronso 3 Boston 2: Chicago White Sox 4 kansas Cdy 3: Battmore 7 Mithewas 6: Texas 4 Anaheim 0; Oakland 9 Seattle 7 NATIONAL LEAGUE: Conormati 11 Mon-treal 3; Philadelphia 8 Florida 7, New York Mats 8 Adema 2; St Louts 2 Chicago Cubs 1; Prishungh 5 Houston 4 (11 Imrs); Colorado 13 Los Angeles 9, San Diego 5 San Francisco 3 (11 Imrs).

Wattord Royals 59; Shalfleid Sharks 87 Derby Storm 80 Derby storm at MATIONAL LEAGUE: Ment: First division; Braton 66 Stevenage 89: Solfmul 76 Covertry 72. Second division; Chessington 50 Swindon 67; London 59 Solent 65. Women: First division: Lelicester 50 Notlinghem 64. Second division: Chesmister 34 Manchester 45: Liverpool 76 Richmond 59. Second Innings

Second Test match

BULAWAYO (final day of five). Zimbabwe drew with Naw Zealand 20MEABWE: First Irraings 461 (G J Whitel 203 not out, G W Flower 83, G J Rennie 57; D L Vettori 4 for 165).

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CYCLING

MANCHESTER: World Mesters track championships: Ment: Points: Age 30-34: 1, R Williams (189) 48pts; 2, S Weckstorn (Fm) 37: 3, R Upston (Jus) 19 35-38: 1, S Preier (Ger) 25 at 1/top. 2, C Carlson (US) 33; 3, S Wednes (US) 30 Sprints: 50-54: 1, G Cooke (GS) 12:533-ser; 2, J Woodnuf (US): 3, S Grego (US) 55-55: 1, E Henry (US): 2, 149: 2, M Nepp (Ger): 2, P Translerg (Den): 3,000m Pursuit: 40-44: 1, G Winkel (US): 3mn 35:77-sec; 2, K Jubber (SA): 3,93 484: 3, C Kreick (US): 341.584 5-48: 1, W Cox (US): 337.678; 2, C Dewson (US): 341.056; 3, k Fuller (US): 340 422 2,000m Pursuit: 60 plus: 1. O Annesci, (Ger): 100 41. Pursuit: 60 plus: 1, 0 Alfweck (Ger) 2:30:957; 2, R Widmark (US) 2:38:223; 3, 0

Blunden (Aus).
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ARGÉNTEMAN LEAGUE: San Lorenzo 2.

Plasanse 2: Estudiantes de La Pista 0 Boca Juniors 0, independiente 3 Limon 2; Colon 3.

Racing Club 3; Lanus 1 Huracan 0; Rosario Central 2 Depontivo Espanol 1: Argentinos Juniors 1 Fenocami Ceste 0; Velaz Serdiekt 5 Newell's Old Boys 0; River Plate 3 Gimnasa y Espanol 1: Cimnasia de Jujuy 0; Gimnasa y Tro 0. FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: Nat-lonal division: Bradford 0 Everton 3: Liverpool 4 Bandhampsted 1; Millwall 0 Croydon 0: Trammero 2 Arcanal 4; Wembley

Donnauser 9.
 FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: Blownch 1 Garswood St Helens 7.
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MOTOR RACING

ICE HOCKEY BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Group A: Ayr Scottish Eagles 7 Tellord Tigors 1; Marchester Storm 3 Newcastle Cobras 3; Palslay Pirates 2 Shaffield Sleeters 18. Group B: Cardiff Devils 3 Nottinghem Partitlers 2; Bracknell Bees 6 Peterborough

LACROSSE SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Boardman and Eccles 5 Stockport 12, Chesdie 13 Hulmalans 7; Heaton Mersey 17 Poynton 8; Cheadle Hulme 4 Timperiey 19; Mellor 18 Old Waconuans 8.

MOTORCYCLING DONINGTON PARK: British superbite championship: Round 21: 1. N Mechancle (Yamaha) 18nin 57 480sec; 2. J Reynolds Quean) 1859 859 3. C Walter (Yamaha) 19.04 409; 4. T Rysse (Kawasak) 19.05 5. Mechanches (Kawasak) (Yamaha) 18min 57 480aec; 2, J. Reynoks; Öucan) 1859.859; 3, C. Walker (Yamaha) 19:04 409; 4, T. Ryme: (Kawasaki) 19:08.720; 5, I. Macpherson (Kewasaki) 19:10.05; 8, M. Llewellyn (Suzaki) 19:11.007. Round 22: 1, Walker 17:40 779; 2, S. Emmett (Ducati) 77:42 522; 3, Rymer 17:43.033; 4, Macpherson 17:53, 480; 5, Llewellyn 18:04.515; 6. M. Rutter (Fronda) 18:04.581. Final overall champtonship

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CORNELIUS, North Carolina: Fieldcrest Carnon Classic: Leading final scores (US urless stated): 255: W Ward 66, 65, 64, 70.

257: J Geddes 69, 66, 57, 65: R Jones 67, 69: 65, 68 & 70.

257: J Geddes 69, 66, 57, 65: R Jones 67, 69: 65, 68 & 70.

270: K Parker-Gregory 68, 68, 69, 68; D Pepper 67, 67, 71, 68; M Mailon 70, 68, 68, 67; J Inkster 67, 67, 69, 68: B King 67, 68, 68, 70, 273: T Johnson 70, 68, 68, 69; K Robburs 65, 68, 67, 70; L Neumann (Swe) 96: 68, 71, 70 Other scores: 278: H Dobson (GB) 70, 68, 72, 72, 68; S Croce (in 72, 59, 68, 69, 69; C H) Koch 69, 69, 71, 71, 283: D Coe-Jones (Car) 68, 72, 72, 71; S Luttle (SA) 71, 71, 72; C Plance (ISB) 70, 68, 73, 72.

284: G Graham (Can) 73, 69, 69, 73; J Stephenson (Aus) 68, 73, 70, 73: E Dahlof (Swe) 71, 69, 71; S MILTON, Floride: Emerald Coest Sentons Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 198: 1 Aold (Lippan) 71, 80, 85; G Morgan 64, 68, 64 (Aold won at first cand total, 200: J Stock 69, 80, 65; B Duval 65, 66, 68; H Inven 65, 66, 69; S Hobday (SA) 67, 63, 70

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positione: 1, Mackenzie 402pts; 2, Walker 345: 3, Ruther 246.

FONTANA, California: Meritoro 500 Indy/Car race: 1, M Blundell (GB, Reynard-Mercedes); 2, J Vesser (US, Reynard-Honde) at 0.8475ec; 3, A Fernandez (Mex. Lota-Honde) at 18ap; 4, M Gugetinin (Br. Reynard-Mercedes) 240; 5, B Rahai (US, Reynard-Fordi); 6, G de Ferran (Br. Reynard-Fordi); 6, G de Ferran (Br. Reynard-Fordi); 6, G de Ferran (Br. Reynard-Fordi); 61, G de Ferran (Br. Rey reynard-Ford; 6, G de Fernan (Ex, Reynard-Honda) at seme lap Leading final championship positions: 1, A Zenard; (1) 186pts; 2, De Fernan 162; 3, Vasser 144; 4, Qugalimin 132; 5, P Tracy (Can) 121; 6, Blundail 115.

RUGBY LEAGUE ACADEMY CUP: Final: Wigen Warriors 48 Heillex Blue Sox 4 Plete: Final: Feeth-erstone Rovers 34 Warrington Wolves 26.

WHITEREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: First leg (Southempton to Cape Town): Leading positions (with distance to Shaish): 1. Innovation (weemer (Not) 5,589.5miles: 2. Merit Cup (Monaco) 5,605.4; 3. Et Enguage (Swe) 5,609.2; 4. Sec. Cut (GB) 5,627.5; 5. Chesse Racing (US) 5,630.5; 6. Toshiba (US) 5,695.7.

SNOOKER HEREFORD LESSURE CENTRE derman Open: Final qualifying round: G Wildinson (Engl bt N Bond (Engl 5-3; J Watthan (Engl bt B D Hard (Engl 5-1; O'Sulfina (Engl bt G Dott (Soot) 5-2; A Hamilton (Engl bt I McCulloch (Engl 5-3; O Hamilton (Aus) bt M Williams (Wates) 5-3; M Clark (Engl bt S Davis (Engl 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

BUTE LEAGUE: Coventry 54 Swindon 36. PREMITER LEAGUE: Oxford 56 Arena Essex 34; Newcestle 57 Isle of Wight 33. AMATEUR LEAGUE Buston 40 Western Warnots 37; Belle Vue Colts 45 Western SCOTTISH CUP: First leg: Edinburgh 49

SQUASH

PRAIR DA ROCHA, Portugal: European club championships: Man: Semi-linatis: Portainata: 3 Linkoping SK (Swel 1; SC Red Bull Revine (Austral 3 Bresses Squesh (III) 1. Firmt: Portainata: 2 SC Red Bull Revine 2 (Ponteinat: names first D Ryan test to J Nocole 6-9, 9-7, 9-1, 6-9, 3-8; L Beachill lost to J Nocole 6-9, 9-7, 9-1, 6-9, 3-8; L Beachill lost to M Allan 9-2, 0-9, 0-8, 0-8, A Toes bt O Rucks 9-3, 9-2, 10-8; P Homesby bt W Romen: Semi-linatis; Lee-on-Solent 3 Edinburgh SC D: SV Hasebord (Ger) 2 Meansquash (Holl) 1. Finel: Lee-on-Solent 3 SV Harebord 0 (Lee-on-Solent names first L Charman bt T Masili-9-5, 9-0, 9-5, T Shenton bt K Benter 9-8, 9-1, 8-10, 9-0; S Tweedle bt K Kuhne 2-9, 9-5, 10-9, 9-3).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Uefa Cup First round, second leg Arsenal (0) v PACK Salonika (1) (8.0) ... Aston Villa (0) v Bordseux (0) (7.45) Leicaster (1) v Alfético Machid (2) (7.45) Liverpool (2) v Ceftic (2) (8.0) Rangers (1) v RC Strasbourg (2) (7.45)

Coca-Cola Cuo Bamsley (2) v Chesterfield (1) (7.45)
Bolton (3) v Leyton Orient (1) (8.0)
Brentford (1) v Southampton (3) (7.45)
Bristol City (1) v Leeds (3) (7.45)
Crystal Palacs (0) v Hull (1) (7.45)
Preston (0) v Backburn (6) (7.45)

Vauxhell Conference

Wolding v Dover

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Accington Stenley v Lancester; Chorley v Marine; Spernymor v Frickley. Cup: First round: Droyleden v Albion; Metdock Town v Attreton; Psactifife v Great Herwood: Trafford v Congletion; Whitey: Bey v Natherfield: Worldington v Leigh. IST-HMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Dagentram and Recbridge; Bishop's Stortlord v Bromtey (7 45); Dulwich v Chesham (7 45); Harrow v Boreham Wood. First division: Leatherhead v Romford: Whyteleade v Hampton. Second division: Bedford T v Carwey Island; Chestont St. Peter v Horsham; Edgware v Egham; Met Police v Bracknet; Tilbury v Westdetone, Withern v Tooting and Mitchem. Third division: Clapton v Homchurch; Dorking v Epsom and Ewell; H Hernosteed v Croydon; Ware v Camberley Town. Full Members Cup: St. Albans v Entleid.

DR MARTIENS LEAGUE CUP: First round, first leg; Atherstone v Moor Green;

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v Gritnsby (6.45). Sec-ond division: Rotherham v Shrevisbury (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Burnley (7.0). GUARDIAN INSURANCE CUP: First-round replay: Unbridge v Leyton Pennani. NATIONWIDE. GOLD CUP: Section A: Dungsmon Swills v Lerne.
ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH
LEAGUE: First division: South Shelids v
Shidon.

STATION.

SCREWITK DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgewater v Backwelt; Caine v Odd Down; Paulion R v Melisham.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDILAND FOOTBALL COMBINATION: President's Cup: Leicester YMCA v Chelmsley. COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier division; Bedfort v Chessington and Hook Chipstead v Raynes Park Vale. NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherion Coffens v Rossandale; Blackpool Rovers v Ramsbottom: Burscough v Atherton LP; Glossop North End v Mossley: Heslingden v Nantwich Town; Holker Tot Boys v He-Helens; Maine Road v Vasdyall GM; Nawcastle Town v Darwen; Warrington v

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Westfields v Kington Town. offidision: Westfields v Angdon Town.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Bury Town v
Falsanharm: Great Yarmouth v Lowestott,
Halstead v Newmerset; Histon v Ely;
Tiptree v Harwich and Perheston, Warboys
v Suchusy; Waston v Dies; Woodbridge
Town v Gorleston; Wrocham v
Stowmarket.

Stownerker, JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di-vision: Lymington v Totton; B.A.T. v Bournemouth; Bernarton Heath v Romsey, Christchurch v Alc Newbury; Ryde Sports v East Cowes; Thatcham Town withschurch; Wimborne v Downton. Town v Whitchurch; Winnburne v Downton.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUEFirst division: Burgess Hill v Peacelaven
and Tetecombe, Heitshem v Miss Oek;
Rednill v Satidean. John O'Hear League
Cup: Newheven v Eastbourne Yown.
INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Paleal
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FA CUP: Second round qualitying replay: Partigate v Balper Town; N Ferrity v Morpeth; Worksop v Brigg Town; Nuneason v Bedworth; Cambridge City v Kattering; Bronsgrove v Sucbury; Roceater v Brackley Town; Halscowen Town v Rothwell; Sutton United: V Welling; Slosch v Walton and Herstern; Wivenhos v Mel Polics; Deal v Portiseld; Wolfrehmen; Bath v Basingstoke; Waterlooville v Portismouth R N.

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FA YOU'TH CUP: Second qualifying round; Doncaster R v tikeston. **RUGBY UNION** Club matches

Cambridge Univ v Cambridge City (7.15) Cardiff Inst v Cardiff (6.30) Northempton v Loughborough Students (7.30).

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: European Cup: Group E: Beigrade v London Towers (8 0).

Belgrade v London Towers (8 0).

IDE HOCKEY: European League:
Manchaster Storm v Dyname Moscow
(7:30). Benson and Hedges Cup: Group
A: Teltord Tigers v Sheffield Steelers (8.0).
Group B: Nothingham Parthers v
Bracknell Bees (7:30); Stough Jels v
Cardiff Devils (8:0).

SPEEDWAY: Elite league: Bracford v
Belle Vue (7:45); King's Lynn v Eastbourne
(7:45); Peterborough v Swindon (7:45);
Premier league: siste of Wight v Long
Eaton (at Peterborough, 7:0).

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Ballesteros vindicated by manner of victory

John Hopkins, golf correspondent, says

that Europe's Ryder Cup success owed

much to inspired, idiosyncratic captaincy

linger in the mind's eye of three days of competition in southern Spain, the most dominant are of Severiano Ballesteros, who left his imprints on the first Ryder Cup to be held in his country as clearly as footprints remain in wet sand. It was Ballesteros's tournament from start to finish, one he shaped in his own likeness.

Ballesteros has always marched to the beat of his own drum and, typically, even in the midst of the busiest week of his life, he found time to go off on his own and hit some practice balls after the opening ceremony.

One man's triumph is often another man's trial. Ballesteros captained with an iron fist in an iron glove and almost everything he tried came off. For Tom Kite, who captained the United States team by democracy, much of what he attempted did not work as well as he would have liked. Nothing demonstrates this as much as the apparent attention to detail he demonstrated when he got the weather reports for the preceding 300 days in order to determine any possible patterns. It came to nothing when Valderrama was hit by the first rain to fall

in September for ten years. Even before the match had begun, Ballesteros had gained an advantage on Kite. getting him to agree to play four-balls on the mornings of the first two days. Ballesteros camouflaged this strategy by suggesting that it was not good for either team to be playing late each night, when the reality was that he had worked out that it would favour his team. He was proved right. Europe won the four-balls overall by 52-24 and the foursomes, which have traditionally been

something of a weakness, 5-3. At times, Ballesteros's leadership style seemed at odds with all known convention. He interrupted, intervened, overruled. He criticised, cajoled and corrected. Sometimes he even backed off. Colin Montgomerie asked Mark James, a team assistant, to keep Ballesteros away from him when he played the 18th in his singles match against Scott Hoch. But Ballesteros, by

all the images that force of his own personality. got the results he wanted. Not the least of his achievements was concealing the fact

that he was remarkably thorough in his preparations, writing details down himself or commanding Miguel-Angel Jimenez, his vice-captain, to do so, when it was widely expected that he would leave the details to be added by others.

The 32nd Ryder Cup was won by a combination of Ballesteros's strategy and his heart, but the strategy was the greater of the two. "I am impulsive when I play myself and I am in the trees and so on," he said, "but everything here was done to a gameplan." He split his team into foursomes and four-ball pairings and only changed them once, removing Per-Ulrik Jo-hansson after Friday morning and replacing him as Jesper Parnevik's partner with Ignacio Garrido.

allesteros asked his men to tell him how often they wanted to play. Some, such as José Maria Olazábal, Montgomerie and Faldo, said all five matches, while others, such as Costantino Rocca and Bernhard Langer, indicated that they needed to rest. The strategy with the last two worked perfectly. They each played four times and each won three points, more than any

Ballesteros inquired in which order his players wanted to go out for the singles on Sunday and, privately, the men they would like as partners for the foursomes and four-balls. Lee Westwood said Darren Clarke and Faldo. When Faldo said that he would like to partner Westwood, Ballesteros knew he had pairings that would work. Not only that, in those partnerships where there was clearly a senior and a junior partner, the players gelled remarkably

The way that Ian Woosnam shepherded Thomas Bjorn around on Saturday was proof of that, and perhaps Bjorn's inspired performance in the singles, when he recovered from four down to Justin Leonard after four holes, was in part because of the reaction



He led with an iron fist in an iron glove, but Ballesteros must be judged on results

of having won a thrilling four-ball with Woosnam the previ-

Another example was the partnership of Westwood and Faldo, who went out of his way to do what he had not done in Ryder Cups before and fulfil the role of elder statesman. It worked for Westwood, who won two points out of five, and it worked for Faldo.

Every European got at least players, such as Johansson.

who got two points from two matches, Clarke (one point from two matches) and Bjorn (12 points from two matches). all contributed significantly. By comparison, Kite's muchlauded major champions -Tiger Woods, Leonard and Davis Love III - let their captain down. They could contribute only 21 points beween them and Love, who played in four matches, lost

What finally capped it for

Europe was Ballesteros's experience, his knowledge of how to get out of a tight corner and. most important of all, his unquenchable competitiveness. I told my team they were here to win, not to defend," Ballesteros said. "I like to attack. I said on Sunday that I regarded a tie as a defeat. I had not come here to lose. I told them they were at the Ryder Cup to compete, not to participate. I

Kite let down by those friends in high places

dad, and even the advice and support of a former president could not give the United States team enough pep to snatch the Ryder Cup away from Europe. The Americans, while praising the European effort, were inclined to blame the course, the weather and streaky putting by the opposition for their defeat.

They took as much heart as they could from the fact that they won the singles 8-4, but Tom Kite, the US captain, admitted that he had been so shell-shocked on Saturday evening that he did not know what to say to lift his team. "I don't have a lot of experience in this. I have never done this before," he said. The presence of George Bush on the course failed to do the trick.

Kite, who believes in hard work rather than magic, was also adamant that his team did not know the course well enough, a fear he had had all along but tried to keep to himself. "It requires as much local knowledge as any course I've ever seen, with the possible exception of Augusta National," he said. "I was hoping for weather conditions similar to the weather we saw during the practice rounds. That would have been ex-

tremely helpful." What he got was weather so unhelpful, and so unusual for the time of year in southern Spain, that all sense of order

TENNIS

Injury rules

out Sampras

PETE SAMPRAS, the world

No I, yesterday pulled out of

the Swiss indoor champion-

ships in Basle with a shoulder

injury. Sampras said he had

an inflamed right shoulder,

aggravated during his victory over Patrick Rafter in the

Compag Grand Slam Cup final in Munich on Sunday.

The Wimbledon and Aus-

tralian Open champion said:

'I'm very disappointed. I really wanted to play, being

the defending champion. It's

frustrating to pull out but

there's no way I could have

Greg Rusedski, who lost to Sampras in the semi-finals in

Munich, has been drawn

against David Prinosil, of

Germany. Tim Henman, his British compatriot, will meet

Marc-Kevin Gollner, also of

Germany.

competed successfully."

Patricia Davies on the reasons for a

defeat that wrecked an American dream

disappeared and a form of chaos ruled, with matches being suspended overnight and no time to sit and take stock. Routines were disrupted, decisions taken on the run and Severiano Ballesteros. Kite's opposite number and the master of mayhem, thrived. The more meticulous Kite often looked a little lost. It was all very un-American

and quintessentially Spanish. One of Kite's big problems was that his three major champions, who played 13 matches between them, won just one and picked up only 2½ points in all. Davis Love III, the recently crowned US PGA champion and the hero at The Belfry four years ago, lost all four of his games. Woods, the Masters champion, who was the only American to play five times, earned a point on his first outing, with Mark O'Meara in the four-balls. Woods and Justin Leonard, the Open champion,

who played four times, earned a half in the foursomes against Jesper Parnevik and Ignacio Garrido on Sunday morning, but that was it. Leonard, who played some scintillating golf - notably in

against lan Woosnam and Thomas Bjorn — also suffered against Bjorn in the singles. The Dane recovered from four down after four to halve the match. Leonard, 25, had three birdies in those first four holes, but could not maintain that form. "I feel like I aged five years out on the back

his four-ball with Brad Faxon

Woods, already a golfing icon but the baby of the team at 21, never got to grips with a course that does not favour big-hitters with a wild streak. Phil Mickelson also suffered.

nine." he said.

Nor the first time at a → leading event, Woods's parents were not with him. Earl, his father, and the only person permitted to give him advice on putting was one of his tips that led to the dismantling of Augusta in April — was on the course at home in California when his son called for help. He called back and was told that Tiger was in bed. When he rang later, he was told that he had gone to the course.

Soundly beaten by Costantino Rocca, who had partnered him in the last round of the Masters and was eclipsed. Woods was asked to explain the reverse. "It's called golf," he said. "You can't always win, all you can hope for is that things go your way. You go out and give it all and see what happens. I gave all I had and it just wasn't enough."

WORD-WATCHING

KESSELRING (c) German field marshal. Early career in Luftwaffe. Plan destruction of UK airfields by night hombing. Frustrated by Goering, who led into Battle of Britain. Cinc Mediterranean and Balkans, obstructed by Hitler and Rommel. Cinc Italy and displayed talent. Sentenced to death for war crimes against Italian mers. Attice interceded, and the sentence was con Released in 1952 for ill health. Died 1960. Known as the "smiling general".

BRECCIA (b) A composite rock consisting of regular fragments of stone cemented together by some matrix such as lime. Sometimes opposed to conglomerates in which the fragments are rounded and waterworn. Ossious or bone Breccia is one in which fragments of bone are found.

BIFROST (c) In Nordic mythology the bridge that stretched from Midgard to Asgard. Padraic column, The Children of Odin: "At last she turned her car towards Bifrost, the Rainbow Bridge. Heimdall guarded the bridge. Tell me if you know where Odur is. Those who seek him will never find Odur.' And Freya was condorted in her loss. She followed Frigga across Bifrost the Rainbow Bridge and came again into the City of the Gods."

ANACLETE

(a) The conventional epithet for the Roman Emperor Julian, who tried to reintroduce the pagan gods instead of wimpish Christianity. From the Greek for the "recalled" one. Heathen priests and philosophers hailed Julian the "apostate" as the Divine Anaclete, the reascending Apollo (Coleridge, 1817). And a fat lot of good it did

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 ... Rxh4+! 2 gxh4 Qg4+ 3 Qxg4 fxg4 checkmate

TELEVISION CHOICE

The peregrine catches its prey

Cutting Edge Channel 4, 8.00pm

HUGH ROUTLEDG

Illegal immigration control is not the most glamorous of jobs. The officers are dealing with ordinary people who are just trying to make a better life for themselves. They are not hardened triminals better life for themselves. criminals but they are breaking the law. In the first of a two-part look at the front line of policing our borders. Paul Berriff and his cameras follow the police and Home Office officials as they carry out Operation Peregrine. They have been tipped off that a number of illegal immigrants are working at menial cleaning jobs in a big hotel. It transpires that these mainly Polish workers have been transpired by a polish workers have been adverted in "recruited" by an agency running adverts in Poland. One says that an agency representative met him at Dover, took his passport and paid him a pittance for a ten-hour day. The Poles are deported, but the agency has yet to be prosecuted.

BBC2, 11.15pm

Surely no other programme would attempt to link non-fat yoghurt with politics but that is what this episode of the successful comedy series manages with very little sweat. Seinfeld and his coterie of New York buddies are beside themselves with delight at finding a delicious food which is not fartening. At least that is what the trozen yoghurt business, aided by Kramer (who bears a remarkable resemblance to a lavatory brush), would have them believe. Trouble is, the chums are starting to get a little chunky around the waist.

After much convoluted plot wranglings turning around a laboratory and the cholesterol levels of mayoral candidate Rudi Giuliani, the truth behind the yoghurt's yumminess is revealed. Not a premium vintage of the successful American comedy but still an enjoyable piece of nonsense.

The Larry Sanders Show BBC2, 11.40pm

The Cuban Crisis

Radio 2, 9_30pm

Lost amid the lavish praise heaped upon Seinfeld is this adult gern of a comedy. It stars Garry Shandling as the late-night chat show host modelled on everyone from David Letterman to Jay Leno. Aficionados already know of Hank (Jeffrey Tambor) the sidekick, an egocentric loser

This is one of those programmes whose provenance is not quite clear. An anniversary

programme? Weil, President Kennedy first alerted

the world to the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba

via a television address on October 22, 1962 - 35

years ago next month. Not exactly a ringing anniversary span but never mind, the fascination

of this programme is that it evokes the Cold War,

indeed it evokes the nearest the world has come to a nuclear war. Michael Aspel is the presenter, not as

unlikely a choice as it may seem, for Aspel was a television news reader in the 1960s. This being Radio 2, the programme mixes in some of the

music of the time and takes in other events, but the

RADIO 1

key drama is well explained.

A moment with the papers (ITV, 10.40pm

who has ideas above his abilities, and produces who has locas above his admines, and producer Artic (Rip Torn), the supreme manipulator and smoother of problems. Artic, fed up with taking the blame for Larry's bad decisions and sick of Hank's whining, has had enough. He hits the bottle big time and vents his impotent rage via Hank's karaoke machine and leaves an evoletive stream. karaoke machine and leaves an expletive-strewn voicemail message for Sanders to pick up in the morning. So well regarded is the show, stars such to as Ryan O'Neal ("don't call me Rye Bread") and Sandra Bernhardt queue up to appear as themselves, warts and all.

Network First: Out of the Shadows

ITV, 10.40pm As the programme-makers were still editing at As the programme-makers were still editing aftime of going to press, not much is known about the content of this piece. But what has been released is enough to whet the appetite. For six months leading up to polling day, the cameras followed the spearhead of Labour's economic policy. Gordon Brown. In the first of a two-parter, we are promised intimate access to the these

policy. Gordon Brown. In the first of a two-parter, we are promised intimate access to the them Shadow Chancellor's nerve-racking run-up to the election, revealing both the political and private worlds of the man who is considered a dour, lone Scotsman. It is an image the makers intend to banish for good. With access to his offices we are party to the rulifical process involving the big. party to the political process involving the big movers and shakers like Blair and Mandelson as well as Brown's close advisers.

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RADIO CHOICE

Magic Mountains Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

How many more unconquered mountains exist in the world? Quite a few, it appears, and this fascinating series tells the story of an expedition to one of them. Sepu Kangri in Tibet. Dr Charlie Clarke was the medic (he is our leading authority on mountain sickness) in a seven-man team, led by Chris Bonington, that attempted to conquer the peak. Of course mountaineering documentaries are routine: what distinguishes this one is that Clarke tells the story not just of a physical test but also of what became an intellectual and spiritual challenge, one that each of the seven men tackled in a different way. Clarke also takes in some of issues facing mountaineering itself at a time when fresh challenges are hard to find.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

6.00ers Newsdey 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Eivis Presley-the Lagacy 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf: The Portrait of a Lady 6.30 CHI Cut 9.00 News: News in German (648 only) 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 See It My Way 9.30 Everyworman 10.00 News: 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Revolution 10.30 Plays in Focus: School for Scandal 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 On Screen 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Eivis Presley-the Legacy 1.00 News; News: In German (648 only) 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Heath Matters 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.38 Multitrack Hit List 4.00 News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 See It My Way 4.30 The Greenfield Collection; News in German (648 only) 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Waveguide; News in German (688 only) 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 One Planet 8.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.00 7.00em Mark Radcliffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 7.00mm Mark Habbane 3.00 Sirron Mayo 12.00 30 Whiley Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Gooder 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel, Includes a session by Movietone 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00mm Cive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles 6.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jenny Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewar: 6.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Carl Davis Classics 8.00 Wayne Marshall's Organ Spectacular 9,00 Make 'em Laugh' 9,30 The Catan Crais. See Choice 10,30 Richard Allinson 12,05cm Steve Medden 3,00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

RADIO 2

8.00em The Breakfast Programme with Jame Garvey 9.00 The Magazine with Bhan Hayes 12.00 Michay 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five. Includes recing from Newmarket 4.00 Nationwide with Julian Womcker 7.00 News Extra with Annie Webster 7.30 The involving Liverpool, Lecester, Celtic, Arsenal, Aston Villa and Rangers 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.80mm Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Nick Abbot 7.00am Russ and Jono's Breakla Expenence 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 (FM) Robin Banks (AM) Nicky Home 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyle (AM) Caimin Jones 10.00 Mark Fortest 2.00em Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Cerol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chishoim 12.00 Lorrane Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Smetana (Prague Carnival); Chopin (Introduction and Polonaise Brillante); Grieg (Lyric Praces); Berlicz (La Montagnard Exile); Respighi (The Pende)

Birds)

Musical Encounters, with Mark Rowlinson.

12.00 Composers of the Week: Schoenberg, Berg and Webern (Sounding the Century)
1.00pm Lunchtime Concert. A concert given last year by the Leopold Trio, in St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Haydn (String Trios, HXVI: No 41 in B flat; No 40 in G): Beethoven (Serenade in G, Op 8) (r)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic under Ethernt Downes. Includes Veril (Opention)

Profandis); Schumann (String Quartet in A); Britten (Suite King Arthur)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mark normalism, Includes Byrd (Laudibus in sanctis); Beethoven (Variations in C minor); Mondonville (Motet De

5.00mm Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly.Includes the Classi 🚣 Masterojece, the Hall of Fame Hour and a recipe for risotic Milanese 1,00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones 2,00 Concerto, Haydn (Horn Concerto No 1 in D) 3,00 Jame Crick 7.00 Newsnight with John Brunning Includes Dr Mark Porter with health care news 7.30 Sonata. Turina (Guitar Sonata) 8.00 Evening Concert. Tchalkovsky, (Porteo and Juliet Fantasy Overture): Max Bruch (Violin Concerto No 2 in D minor): Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor) 10.00 Michael Mappin includes at 11.35 Nocturne 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00

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Sports Roundup 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30

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6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Stabat Mater); Fauré (Violin Sonata in E rránor); Verdi (Ballet music: Macbeth); Sibefius (Scenes Historiques Suite No 1); Ciea (La Dolcsissima Effigle, Adrian Lecouvreur); Ravel (Daphnis and Chiloe Suite No 2)

4.45 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp 5.00 in Tune. Includes George Melly discussing the retationship between the violin and art in the 20th. Century

7.30 Performance on 3. Live from Elmwood Hall in

Belfast Stephanie Hughes Introduces a song recital given as part of Northern Ireland's Quebeccis Festival. Catherine Robbin, mezzo, Michael McMehon, pieno. Mozart (Als Luise die Briefe; Abendempfindung: Der Zauberer: An Chice): Schumarn (Frauenliebe und Leben; 8.10 A Woman's Hair, by Bryan MacMehon (r) 8.30 Enescu (Chansons de Clement Maroti): Britten (A Charm of Lullabies); Gurney (I Will Go with my Father A-Ploughing): Elgar (To the Children, The Startight Express); Dowland (Time Stands Still in Gazing on Her Face): Bridge (Love Went A-Riding): Ireland (The Salley Gardens). Warlock (My Own Country, Belloc Songs); Ireland (If here Were Dreams to Sell); Vaughan Williams (The Bird's Song, Pilgrim's Progress)

9.30 Postscript. Paul Balley, author of Gabriel's Lament and Al the Jerusalem, reads from his next novel, set in Romania, Kitty and Virgit: A Romange: 9.45 BBC Nettoned Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaald Otaka. Schnittle (Symphony No 6, Symphony No 7) Michael McMahon, piano. Mozart (Als Luise die

The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes. Includes Verdi (Overture Stiffello); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 23 in A), with Michael Rott, plano; Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor), under Günther Herbig, with Dong-Suk Kang, violin; Tchalkovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor) under Edward Downes Volose. Iain Bumside talks to the tenor lan Partridge about his 30-year career and his favourite recordings 10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles discusses crime and

10.48 Night waves, richard Lotes discusses on suicide with the author Martin Arnis 11.30 Composer of the Week: Pizzetti (r) 12.30em Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30 Today 8.45 How to Beat Sir Humphrey. Detek Fowlds reads Antony Jay's book, abridged by Jane Marshall (2/3) 8.58 Weather

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9.00 News 9.05 Call Ed Stourton. Telephone 0171580 4444 with your questions for Ed Stourton and
the guest of the day

10.00 (FM) News; Magic Mountains, See Choice

10.00 (LW) Daily Service

10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler

10.30 Wontain's Hour, Jenni Murray's guests include
the Rev Lucy Winkett, whose appointment as a
canon at St Paul's Cathedral caused confroversy

11.30 All in the Mind. A new series of the programme
which investigates matters psychological and which investigates matters psychological and psychiatric. Professor Anthony Clare begins by exploring the role of cognitive therapy in mental

health
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Cross-Questioned. The late Vincent Hanna
gless the cluss to Henry Naylor. David Ouentick,
Francis Wheen and the Times columnist John
Diamond 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Labour
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Party Conference in Brighton and James Cox in Party Chineses (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Books and Company, with Jufin Walsh (r)
2.30 Personal Records. Jeremy Nicholas explores the
record collections of well-known personalities (1/5)
Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan hears reviews of P.D. James's new novel, and Martin Arnis's Night Train, which examines the world of American cops
4.45 Short Story: Blood and Water, by Ellis No
Dhubthre. Read by Stella McCusker
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News

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6.30 Travels with My Aunt. The comic adventure by Graham Greene, dramatised by Rene Basilico Starting Dame Hilda Bracket as Aunt Augusta and Charles Kay as Henry Pulling (1/5) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Presented by Richard Watson
8.00 Science New. A look at the latest scientific discoveries and developments with Dates 5

8.00 Science Now. A look at the latest scientific discoveries and developments with Peter Evans (r)
8.30 Molity's Last Ride. Dylan Winter takes his ageing horse Molity for a final, nostalgic ride
9.00 in Touch. Peter White with news and current affeirs for the blind and partially sighted
9.30 Kateldoscope (r) 9.50 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isobel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Lottering with Intert. Anna Massey reads Muriel Spank's comic novel (7/10)
11.30 Mediumwave. The week's events in the media (r)
11.30 The New Europeans, with David Neil Lodge. A copital of Iceland (6/6) (r)

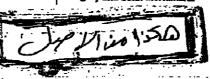
Capital of Iceland (6/6) (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Books Light in August, by William Faulkner. Read by Ed Bishop.

12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1. FM 97.6-89.8, RADIO 2. FM 88,0-90.2, RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4, RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720, RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 693, 909, WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 196 (12.45-5.55am).

CLASSIC FM, FM 100-102, VIRGIN RADIO, FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215, TALK RADIO, MW 1053, 1089 Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ien Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Tho





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Ladies with healthy appetites are not greedy he really handy thing about language is that it enables my mind had I not been staying in a forbidding hotel in Scotland at the time, and had I not - just five us to communicate with other people without having to minutes before reading that article
— telephoned the front desk for an resort to certain animal-world

extra pillow. No pillow ever came. conversational techniques, such as Last night's sinner was Felicity bottom-baring, or communal zebra-eating with your fellow lions. Diamond, who purred at us for Which is why it comes as such a half an hour about how much she shock when you find out that enjoyed being greedy. As it hapyou've been misusing a word in a pens. Diamond - who is a caterer and a masseuse - is just the sort of way that's not just confusing to the people you've been addressing, but woman who might well request an extra pillow: she believes in enjoy-ing all that life has to offer. But she Discovering from last night's Seven Sins (Channel 4) that the still resents the assumption that all word "greedy" was now widely bisexuals are promiscuous, exunderstood to mean bisexual was plaining that "that's one of the the biggest linguistic jolt to hit me since the time I read in the travel

reasons they call us greedy".

Lord knows what Jennifer Paterson and Clarissa Dickson Wright - the now famous Two Fat Ladies (BBC2) - would have made of Diamond's idea of greedy, because they reap more than enough enjoyment exploiting the word's old-fashioned meaning. Not that

they are averse to a few extra men between their sheets. (Dickson Wright recently told an interviewer that her size was no bar to pulling men: "Like cooking, it's all about technique, really".)

n the opening programme of their new series last night, the kitchen-counter banter offered as many tips on how to pull a man at coektail parties (this week's food theme) as on what to cook if you're a hostess throwing one. Clarissa's pick-up tip? Just study a piece of furniture or a painting until someone comes by to discuss it with you (this assumes you are being entertained by hosts whose interiors were not kitted out by Ikea and Athena). As for Jennifer, she has noticed that "the most successful thing is, when you get these lovely girls and they pitch their voices very low so the man can't hear.



Joe Joseph

say 'Hello dears!' and I don't get off with anybody! Ha, ha, ha, ha!"
As for the food, the ladies were

helping the Brazilian Ambassador with his canapes. The tone was set early on, to warn off any prim Delia fans. After introducing herself at the door in Portuguese, Paterson confessed: I think I said we're the Two Fat-Ladies for the The man has to get nearer and ambassadress', but I might have nearer and that always works. I said we're two fat tarts for the

The fat ladies' trademark is interspersing weights and mea-sures with the sort of idle chit-chat that might bubble up in a kitchen where women are squandering an afternoon over a stove. "It's very handy, chirrups lennifer, explaining that we will have to soak our salt cod in water for up to 36 hours before we can turn it into Portuguese cod cakes, "if you happen to have a running stream coming through the kitchen, like they do in the monasteries in Portugal."

What do you do if you don't have a running stream?" Clarissa wonders from within her startling black outfit which is decorated at every few inches of fabric - with bright yellow lemons.

You must soak it in water and change it continually, or put it in a bowl of water and keep the tap dripping on it, which the water

themselves." It's not the sort of thing Delia would let slip. Nor Jennifer's outrage at the modernday habit of turning up to cocktail parties at 9pm - an hour after the

invitation says the party is sup-

posed to have finished. Nor can you imagine Delia even agreeing to let Joseph, the Brazilian Embassy chauffeur, pour Caipirinha cocktails down her throat, let alone giving us a rendition of Carmen Miranda singing Mama Eu Quero when the rum starts kicking in.

aterson and Dickson Wright are the opposite of what is thought seemly for a female television presenter today. They are overweight, they get drunk, they talk about sex, enjoy themselves noisily, abuse people and institutions, and they don't care.

ambassador. I do hope nott" Delia wouldn't talk this way even after wonev and do so much leaking wide margin — every test of money and do so much leaking wide margin — every test of money and do so much leaking ers they have become hugely popular. In America, where every female presenter on the screen appears to be blonde and as thin as rice paper, they are also a hit. Maybe viewers are mad as hell with television stereotypes, and are not going to take it any more.

But then some stereotypes just snap back like a new pair of braces. Picture This (BBC2) last night led us to the clifftop at Beachy Head, a favoured suicide spot, in a rather beautiful debut film by Zimena Percival. "It is very dangerous here," said a German schoolteacher to her class. "We are standing on very high cliffs. Two years ago a German student walked up to the edge to take a picture and fell to his death. Thankfully." - take note of that thankfully - "he wasn't from our

BBC1 6.00am Bisiness Breakfast (42363) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98585295) 9.95 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2423092)

9.30 Style Challenge (1261092) 9.55 Kilrov(17) (5210653) 10.35 Change That (1300479) 11.00 News (1) Regional News and weather

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section of a Sunday paper that 'alling for "an extra pillow" in a hale is apparently international

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ing female company in your room.

wouldn't have stuck so vividly in

This novel interpretation

(46725 7) 11.05 Labour Party Conference '97 Live coverage of the conference from Brighton (27295392) 1.00pm News (T) and weather (40818)

1.30 Regional lews and weather (17220547)
1.40 The West ier Show (87178160)
1.45 Neighbou s (T) (77956740)

.2.10 Quincy Ti, sleuthing coroner takes a self-styled (.st guru to task on a live TV talk show (§ (4466519)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (8585)
3.30 Playdays (8 99295) 3.50 Arthur (8993011) 4.15 Fudge (4488276) 4.35 The Queen's Nose (6497924) 5.00 Newsround 11 (9882160) 5.10 Byker Grove (T) (57)(8856) 5.35 Neighbours (i) (1) (487547) 6.00 News (1) and weather (127)

6.30 Regional News (479) 7.00 Poliday Memories Tara Palmer Tomkinson tak is a nostalgic trip down the hipple trail to Marrakesh; Matthew Kelly recalls stony childhood summers with his mum a; d dad at Blackpool (T)

7.30 EastEnders Nig. 's peace-making plans go awry, causing further friction in the Jackson household. George talks to Councillor Dixon for the last time (T) (363) 8.00 Match of the Day Live: Liverpool v Ceffic Desmond Lynam has coverage of tonight's Uefa Cup first-round, second-

leg tie at Anfield (23241363) NB: In the event of extra time and penalties. later programmes are subject to change

9.55 News (1) Regional News and weather (1/1/69) 10.30 The Provos — the IRA and Sinn Feln:

cond Front (2/4) A look at the role of prison protests and the rise of Sinn Fein (T) (87672) WALES: 10.30 Tales from the Health Service (83450) 11.00 The Provos (50295) 12.00 FAW Football (5780284) 12.35em Rosh Hashanah (1018230) 12.55 FILM: Hustle (3774159) 2.25 FILM: The Periect Weapon (6115352) 3.45 News and weather (50749159)

11,30 Rosh Hashanah Chief Rabbi Or Jonathan Sacks talks to Frances Lawrence, widow of murdered head teacher Philip Lawrence (820108)

11.50 Hustle (1975) starting Burt Reynolds and Catherine Deneuve. A hard-working police lieutenant is drawn into a web of murder and corruption when a prostitute is murdered. Directed by Robert Aldrich

1.20am The Perfect Weapon (1991) with Jeff Speakman and John Dye. When a young karate expert's mentor is kalled by a gang. he vows to use his expertise to bring them to justice. Directed by Mark DiSalle

2,40 Weather (3132772)

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BBC2

6.00em O U: Revising the Course — Authority (4200295) 6.25 Palazzo Venezia, Rome (4212030) 6.50 Culture and Society in Victorian Britain (5010030) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (4150450)

7.30 Smurts' Adventures (6258127) 7.55
Blue Peter (r) (T) (5253905) 8.20 Oakie
Doke (r) (7971160) 8.30 Rupert (r)
(7048450) 8.35 Teletubbies (r) (1835295)
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History (4652479) 9.25 See You, See Me (3628585) 9.45 Numbertime (9340721). 10.00 Telerubbies (25011) 10.30 Watch (3569924) 10.45 Science Zone

(8726856) 11.05 Space Ark (4686740) 11.15 Megamaths (T) (2826672) 11.35 History File (T) (2281108) 12.00 See Hear! (r) (16653) 12.30pm Working Lunch (31585)

1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (r) (83517301) 1.10 The Countryside Hour: West Midlands (9183176) 2.10 News (T) (32612818) 2.15 Labour Party Conference '97 Tony Blair addresses the party (760721)

3.55 News (T) (6768924) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (932) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (6496295) 4.55 Esther: adoption (8942586) 5.30 Today's the Day (856) 6.00 Heartbreak High (248382) 6.45 Conference Talk (470214)

7.30 Private Investigations The tuneral industry; schoolboy football (T) (905) 8.00 Della Smith's Winter Collection (r) (T)

8.30 Looking Good The return of high heeled shoes; Jill Dando shares her tips on good grooming and packing for a weekend away; stylist Guy Persons reveals how to avoid bad hair days (T) (6363). 9.00 Have I Got Old News for You (1) (1)



Hamilton and Morrissey (9.30pm)

9.30 Holding On Shaun (David Morrissey) files to Switzerland for his pay-off, taking Tine (Emily Hamilton); Marcus and Janet lose heart over Massive FM (T) (41030) 10,30 Newsnight (T) (758127)

11,15 Seimeld Weight-watchers
Jerry and Etaine have doubts
about the non-tat fare on offer in Kramer's new care (T) (852547)

11.40 The Larry Sanders Show Arthur drowns his sorrows in the studio after the show. Ryan O'Ne and Sandra Bernhard make guest appearances (T) (519473) 12.00 Weather (6647913)

12.05am Duckman (4759842) 12.30 O U: Nature Display'd (77371) 1.00 World's Best Athlete? (T) (41517) 1.30 Shading a Map (T) (80994) 2.00 Teaching Today (34975) 4.00 Teaching and Learning with IT (67343) 4.30 Primary History (55710) 5.00 So You Want to

Work in Social Care? (38791)

6.00em GMTV (7066011) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1) (2429276) 9.55 Regional News (1986837) 10.00 The Time, the Place (29837) 10.30 This Morning (T) (18787740)

HTV

12.20pm Regional News (6131653) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9329818) 12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (74170721) 12.55 Shortland Street (9337837) 1.25 Home and Away (58061498) 1.50 Remote Control Cooking (T) (77962301) 2.20 Vanessa (T) (75289382) 2.50 The Natural

Health Show (8631011) 3.20 News (T) (4668943) 3.25 Regional News (4667214)

3.30 The Riddlers (1317160) 3.40 Wizadora (7150092) 3.50 The Adventures of Paddington Bear (7156276) 4.00 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (r) (T) (2490479) 4.15 Name That Toon (T) 4.40 Knight School (T) (7087011)

5.10 WALES: Yan Can Cook (1) (2236092) 5.10 Relative Knowledge (2236092) 5.40 News (T) and weather (653653) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (497450) 6.25 HTV Weather (313059) 6.30 HTV News (T) (547) 7.00 Emmerdale (1) (5634)

7.30 WALES: Grass Roots Countyside magazine from the Welsh Ploughing Championships, with a report from Farming Fair 2000 (289) 7.30 Take 3 Examining local issues: the bettle

to save the bingo halls and one man's campaign to be treated like a widow (289) 8.00 The Bill Slater gets a shock when the target of his undercover investigation walks into his uniformed life (1) (4382)

8.30 Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's Visiting Day Trapped In his hospital bed Paul is a sitting target for the unwelcome attentions of his parents (1) (2419)



Coner Mulien as the new CSM (9.00pm)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Things Can Only Get Better The arrival of a new CSM stirs up the ranks (T) (3363)

10.00 News (T) and weather (66158) 10.30 Regional News (T) (149585)

10.40 Network First: Out of the Shadows Following the Gordon Brown during the run-up to Labour's landslide election victory (T)

11.40 WALES: Affice Examining the changing cultural face of Europe (544276)
11.40 The West Match Plus (631856)
12.10em WALES: Campus Cops (4733604)
12.40em Planet Mirth (1261197) 1.10 Lale and Loud (6678536) 2.10 Chart Show (1)

(3330248) 2.50 Football (r) (5907604) 3.45 Sailing (r) (83062) 4.15 Jones and Juny (r) (76599791) 4.35 Time/Place 5.00 Heirloom (35468) 5.30 News

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(39082) 1.15 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2653772) 1,40 War of the Worlds (6649913)

12,45em Collins and Maconle's Movie Club

2.30 The Paul Ross Show (1207888) 3,50 Sound Bites (29725159) 4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (3152975) 5,20 Asian Eye (7415062)

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some of the West Country's top restaurants (289) 11.40 Highlander (159092)

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2,25 Conference Report (926450) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (160) 4.30 Feast (672) 5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 (6740) 5.30 Countdown (924) 6.00 Newyddion (860382) 6.10 Heno (253214) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (\$25127) 7.25 Brodyr Bach (863924) 8.00 Y Clarb Rygbi (2924)

8.30 Newyddion (1059)

9.00 Yr Eneth Fwyn (1905) 10.00 Brookside (413130) 10.35 Frasier (659011) 11.05 NYPD Blue (263634) 12.00-1.00am Byzantium: The Lost Empire CINCIPLE STATE OF THE STATE OF

5.55am Sesame Street (68301) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (63769) 9.00 Schools: Science in Focus (1) (2457059) 9.22 Lost Animal (2268295) 9.30 Eurekel (1) (3347634)9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (1) (9342188) 10.00 Fourways Farm (2713905) 10.10 TVM (T) (7442566) 10.25 How We Used to Live (T) (7454301) 10.45 Quest (T) (3559547) 11.00 First Edition IV (9861818) 11.15

Stage One (T) (9884769) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Fricassé of artichokes; mixed seafood and aubergine; lemon mousse (T) (5856) 12.00 Sesame Street (99011)

12.30pm Racing from Newmarket Live coverage of the 12.50, 1.30 and 2.00 races (39821295) 2.25 Conference Report The Prime Minister

addresses the Labour Party conference (926450) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (160) 4.30 Countdown (1) (6481363) 4.55 Rickl Lake (1) (7699894) 5.30 It's a Dog's World

(2/2) (r) (T) (924) 6.00 Moviewatch Young reviewers pass judgment on recent releases (837)

6.30 Rossanne (r) (T) (189) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (259818) 7.50 Music of the Millennium Skin's choice of music (217856)

8.00 The Feel Good Factor in the last of the series, Mark Little visits Newtownabbey, near Beltast, and Greenwich to see if they are as green and pleasant as they should be (1) (2924)

8.30 Brookside Elalne has a heart-breaking decision to make. Max thinks he has found the solution to Susannah's heartache (T) (1059)



Lisa interviews a suspect (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Illegal Immigrants The first of two tooks at the immigration Service. Tonight, the planning of an early morning raid on an hotel, and Lisa Nords's interviewing technique provides some valuable information (1) (1905) 10.00 David; The David Rothenberg Story

(1988) with Bernadette Peters as a mother who dedicates her life to the welfare of her young son after his father ettempts to burn him to death. Directed by John Erman (T) (899479)

11.55 The Family Way (1966) A comedy starring Hayley Mills and Hywel Bennett as newtyweds torced to stay with his overbearing tather (John Mills). Directed by Roy Boulting (283214) 1.45am Late Night Ricki Lake (r) (T)

(1585333) 2.30 Running Light (r) (4801555) 2.45 Rumour of True Things (r) (85420) 3.15 Island Race (r) (9449333) 3.50 Allsa (50746062) 4.00 Schools: History In Action (T) (920449) 5.45 Good Health (T) (2704468)

school, so you can relax a bit."

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

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6.00am 5 News Early (7875108)

7,30 Millicshake (1048856) 7,35 USA High (r) (7468585) 8,00 Havakazoo (9619491) 8.30 WideWorld The documentary series about business concludes with a look at how Manchester prepared its bid to host the 2000 Olympics (9039672)

9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine (7317653) 10.00 Exclusive (6598108) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (T) (6669176) 11.00 Leeza Chat show (1935214) 11.50 Double Espresso (69257030)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Taylor is confronted by Connor who asks whether she is planning to tell Ridge that she is alive (1) (2984568) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (1) (9444108) 1.00 5 News Update (85501030) 1.05 Sunset

Beach. Gregory plans a trip to Spain (T) (8110382) 2.00 5's Company (8181943) 3.30 Poker Alice (1987) with Elizabeth Taylor and George Hamilton. A lighthearted western about a New Orleans card sharp who unexpectedly wins for herself a bordello. Directed by Arthur Allan Seidelman (8271059)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (11752769) 5.30 Whittle Audience participation quiz presented by Tim Vine (T) (9660585) 6.00 100 Per Cent (9667498)



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6.30 Family Affairs Annie (Liz Crowther) hears Maria make a stunning confession (9641450)

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McManaman and Fowler restored

Hoddle spirits soaring after happy returns

BY OLIVER HOLT POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GLENN HODDLE wrote the first lines of the final chapter of England's World Cup quali-fying story at Lancaster Gate yesterday. He named his squad for the decisive group two game against Italy in Rome a week on Saturday. welcomed a quartet of the country's finest players back into the international fold and offered up a little prayer that those he had selected might stay free of injury in the week

For once, the talk was purely of football. It was almost as though the importance of the occasion had precluded a recurrence of the distractions that habitually crowd in on these announcements. No wife-beating, no drink-driving, no referee-baiting. There was no need for any sideshows this time. Italy v

England is big enough. In other circumstances, the absence of Alan Shearer could seem like a festering sore, but the England coach was all optimism and bonhomic yesterday. He concentrated on the return of two of the other components of the spine of his team: Paul Ince. who was suspended for the last match against Moldova, and Tony Adams, who was injured.

He also included the Liverpool pair of Steve Mc-Manaman and Robbie Fowler, two forwards who could turn any match, after a brief exile from the squad. Some interpreted the exclusion of McManaman from the squad against Moldova as a punishment for not participating in England's summer matches in the Tournoi de France, even though he was having a knee operation at the time.

In the interim. Manaman has recovered from a slow start to the season and the damage done to his confidence by the collapse of his

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transfer to Barcelona has been repaired by scoring two goals that took the breath away, first against Celtic, then against Aston Villa. Fowler, in only his second start of the season, against West Ham United on Saturday, struck the kind of predatory volleyed goal that signalled that he will soon be back to his best, too.

The squad was the weaker for the absence of the Liver-pool duo. Even though both may find it hard to break into the starting line-up for the match in the Olympic Stadium, which England only need to draw to progress to the finals in France next summer. the England coach recognised during his press conference that the time for trying to teach players lessons had passed. and that this squad represented the best 24 available to him.

"It is a big, big plus to have Tony Adams and Paul Ince



Fowler: predatory

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two players who feel at home in the international scene. They have got that belief in themselves because they have played at the very top and it is a tremendous boost for everyone to have them in the squad.

his game.
"I wanted to see a positive response from Steve after he was left out of the Moldova squad and I have seen it. When he is playing at his best, he is up there amongst the very best. His break gave him a bit of time to reflect and what happened with Barcelona has probably made him stronger.

Fowler provides a an alternative to the first-choice attacking partnership of Ian Wright and Teddy Shering-ham, although it is hard to see why Hoddle has once more preferred an out-of-sorts Stan Collymore to an in-form Chris Sutton. McManaman will put pressure on Hoddle's midfield selections, even though he is likely to stick with David Beckham and Graeme Le Saux on the flanks and two

like Ince and David Batty, either side of Paul Gascoigne. Adams, of course, will be the bulwark that Hoddle relies on to anchor a defence that is likely to come under the most intense pressure as Italy strive for the victory they need to take them past England to the

heads on at the moment. Hoddle said, "because part of me is going to be worried this week about players getting injured and part of me is glad that people like Robbie and Tony and Teddy Sheringham are going to be getting more

there has not been some other issue involved at the an-I hope it stays that way. If any of the run-up to the games could be plain sailing, then it

would be this one. "We are all in a positive frame of mind but we know what a hard game it is going to be. It is going to need a magnificent performance from us to get the result we need but I think we are capable of that."

"With Steve and Robbie, we are also bringing back two players of great talent. Steve has done very well in that he has scored two magnificent goals. There is still some of his form to come back but leaving him out of the squad has made him reflect a little bit. An urgency has come back into

defensively minded players,

top of the group.
"I have almost got two

games under their belts.
This is the first time that nouncement of the squad and



Darren Clarke, left, and Lee Westwood arrive in England yesterday with the Ryder Cup after Europe's success in Spain. Photograph: David Dyson

Langer nominated as Europe captain

FROM JOHN HOPKINS **GOLF CORRESPONDENT** AT VALDERRAMA

BERNHARD LANGER was identified as the man whom Severiano Ballesteros believes should succeed him as Europe's next Ryder Cup captain and take the team to Boston in two years' time, when the Europeans will be trying for an unprecedented third succssive victory against the United States.

"Bernhard has been in the Ryder Cup many times," Ballesteros said yesterday, as he began to list Langer's credentials to be in charge at The Country Club, near Boston, in 1999. "He is a very special man. He has a great personality. He is never out of order. He is very experienced and very intelligent. He would do the job fantastic."

It is almost certain, however, that Langer wants to compete in Boston and, if successful, he would be mak-ing his tenth Ryder Cup appearance. He said that he would like to do the job at when it is held in Germany,



Captain vindicated ...

perhaps - but two years from now is too soon. "I want to play in the match, not captain ," Langer said yesterday. Ballesteros repeated that

his decision to stand down from the captaincy is because he wants to have time, to concentrate on his own golf and try to play in more Ryder Cups. "I am 100 per cent sure about giving up the captain-cy," he said, "and the only reason is to concentrate on my

game and regain my form. That is the only reason. I am playing better and I want to win a tournament before the year is over. I have been playing well these past few weeks. At the Lancôme Trophy I played fantastic, but I did not have any luck. But I believe in leaving the door open to return as captain some time in the future.

Ballesteros described Colin Montgomerie as a man who says one thing one day and something else the next. Tohe says something black, tomorrow he says it is white." Ballesteros said. "This week he says he might go to the United States. Next week he says he might stay here."

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black. Ballesteros has always been fickle and for all the apparent certainty of his decision to step down, there remains the possibility that the Ryder Cup Commit-tee might persuade him to remain or that, suddenly, he might change his mind.

We do have some success in persuading Ryder Cup captains to change their minds," Ken Schofield, execu-tive director of the PGA European Tour and a coopted member of the Ryder Cup Committee, said - an obvious reference to the way



Langer: wants to play

that they persuaded Bernard Gallacher to return as captain for the 1995 match after he had initially said that he wanted to step down after the 1989, 1991 and 1993 matches. But we will respect Seve's

decision," Schofield said.
"There would be nothing better for Europe than he should regain his game and qualify for some future Ryder Cups. What he brought to the Ryder Cup was inspiration for the Europeans. Each player played an inch taller because of him. This week Seve was Arnold [Palmer] and

The next Ryder Cup Committee meeting is to be held in November and, if recent history is anything to go by, then a captain will be in place by early next year. At this meeting the format for selection for the next match will be settled, and it is likely that the world rankings will play a more important part in team selection for 1999.

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By JOHN GOODBODY

MANY of Britain's Olympic competitors face being taxed on the money they are awarded from the National Lottery. After months of consulting

the Inland Revenue, the sports councils have sent out guidebooks warning athletes that they may face tax bills unless their sole income from sporting activities is the Lottery Sports Fund Subsistance Award, with its total budget of

The booklet also advises disabled competitors that they risk losing their state benefits if they receive cash for living and training allowances.

The news yesterday created turmoil in British sport, with many organisations attacking the meanness of the Inland Revenue in considering further taxation and the cutting of benefits, when it has already taken 12 per cent in lottery duty on every ticket

Simon Clegg, the chief exec-utive of the British Olympic Association, said: "We had been hoping that the Treasury would look kindly on a blanket dispensation. It is of particular concern to us because the level of expectation for these grants was far greater than has transpired in

grants into account whenever they are assessing benefits and tax, that is going to have an adverse effect on all our athletes' preparations. The level of expectation was set at £28,000 a year and while some sportsmen and women in Scotland have got signifi-



cant amounts, those in England and at British level have received far less than they expected. This news just makes it worse for them." Roger Parsons, the high

jumper and a director of the British Athletes' Association, said: "It is a shame that we are in the situation in which someone is earning a little money from whatever source and that amount has been taken into consideration when the award has been made. Now they may be taxed "If they now take these on that amount."

Revenue funding is not aimed at famous competitors in glamorous events, such as Roger Black, who already command substantial fees through racing and sponsorship. It is for the sportsmen and women, including disabled competitors, who may only receive a little money through local spousorship and grants.

Parsons said: "A disabled

competitor will have to think very carefully about losing their benefits. I would not wish that on anybody." Wray Norton, the administration manager for Disability Sport, England, said:
"From early on, this has

always been seen as a potential problem and we should have got a definitive answer much earlier. Once you lose your disability benefit, you have to be assessed each time and it is very difficult to get back on the list. Disabled competitors are going to be very worried about this. I think it is disgraceful."

Nigel Hook, senior technical officer of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), which represents the national gov-erning bodies, said: "We think it is an outrage that the Treasury will double-tax money from the lottery."

Llanelli verdict held over

THE board of European Rugby Cup Ltd has postponed until today its verdict on the violence that marred the first Heineken Cup meeting be-tween Pau and Llanelli (David Hands writes).

A statement will be made this morning on the events of September 13 at the Stade du Hameau but the two clubs, who played a peaceful return match on Sunday, are braced for a substantial fine. The board, meeting in Dub-

lin, heard evidence from both Pau and Llanelli after a weekend that brought further troubles to its door. Cardiff have lodged a protest over the 90-day suspension awarded to Tony Rees, their lock forward. last Friday after Harlequins successfully cited Rees for stamping on Gareth Liewellyn during the cup meeting between the clubs nine days

Another French club, Biarritz, had two players dis-missed by Steve Lander, the English referee, for punching and spitting respectively dur-ing their European Confer-ence game with Edinburgh on Saturday.

In the same competition,

Gloucester have asked Beziers to comment on a claim by one of their supporters that he and his daughter were hit by stones during the game between the clubs nine days ago.

